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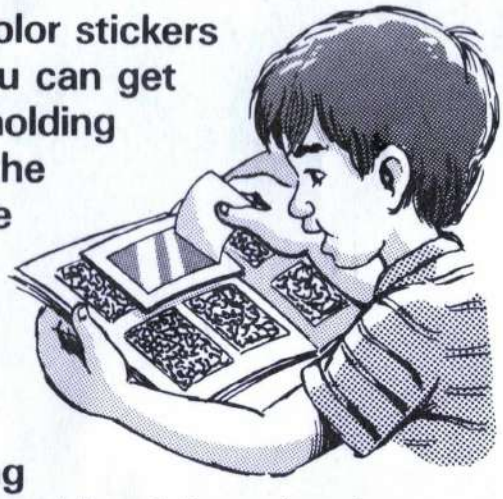
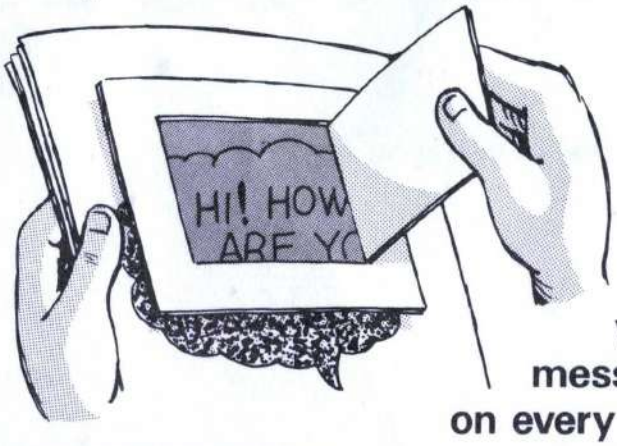
1. After purchasing your sticker album, carefully remove your MAGIC DECODER from the book by slowly tearing along the perforation in the cardboard holding it in place! Be sure to save the other half of the cardboard insert, because that's your pocket checklist!

2. Notice that on the cardboard side of the DECODER there is a flap which you can fold back, forming a handle that will make it easy to use your MAGIC DECODER!

3. As you continue collecting the full color stickers to complete the story in your album, you can get a "sneak peek" at what's to come by holding your DECODER over the red pattern in the unfilled sticker spaces! Surprise! You see *right through* the red pattern, and you can now see a picture!





4. While you're filling your album with stickers (and even long after your album is completed), you'll have loads of enjoyment using your DECODER to read the secret messages and solve the puzzles found on every page of the book!

***Remember: Anytime you see the red pattern, use your MAGIC DECODER to find the surprises underneath it!**

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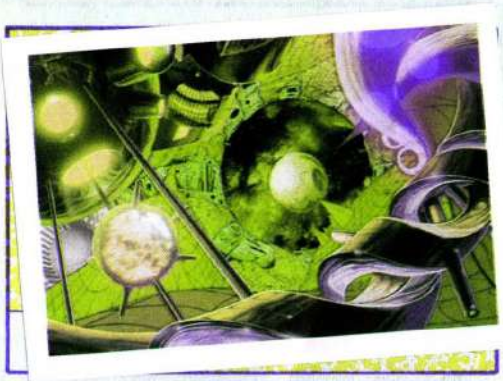
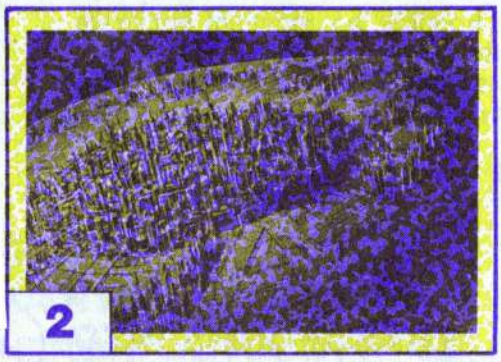
MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE!

CHAPTER 1: A DEADLY HUNGER!

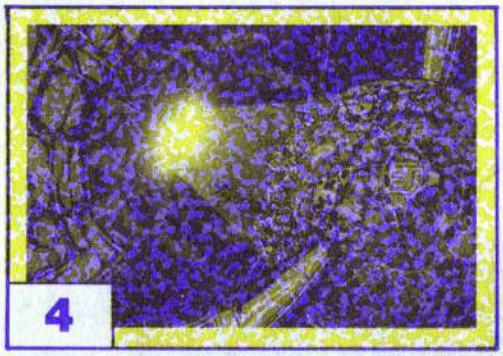


1. It is the year 2005. In a far corner of the galaxy, a giant planet glides mysteriously through the darkness...



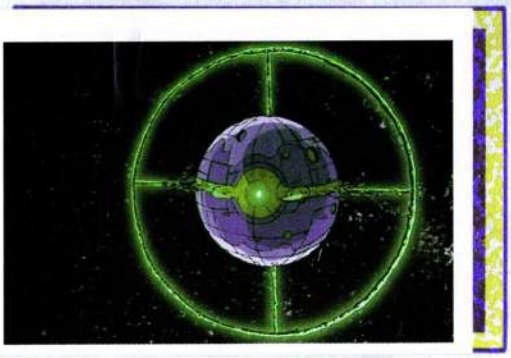
2. ...approaching the peaceful home of distant star-settlers. Approaching *for what reason?*

3. The inhabitants recognize the evil mass as Unicron, a breathing creature larger than any other planet.



4. Unicron draws life-giving energy to his powerful magnetic force-field, which destroys this energy.

5. Unicron rips everything from the planet's surface, sucks it into its gaping mouth...

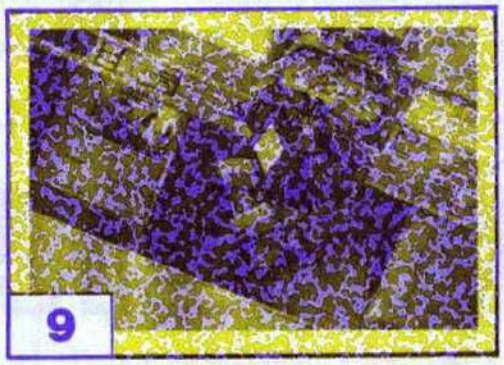


6. ...and transforms it into an electrical force-field of evil, making Unicron more and more powerful and deadly.

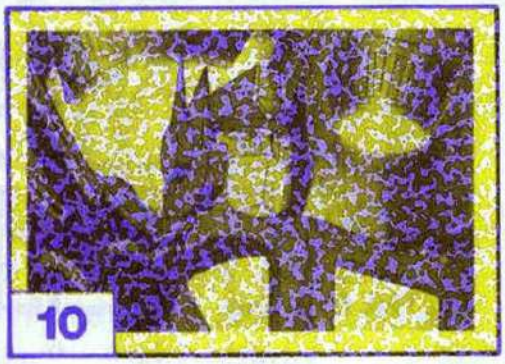
7. Elsewhere, the treacherous Decepticons have conquered the Autobots' home planet of Cybertron.

AUTOBOT® *SECRET MESSAGE:*

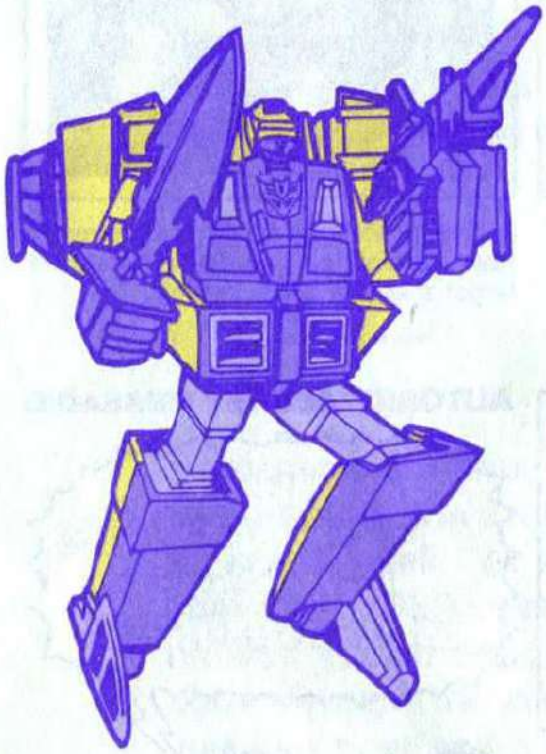
8. But from secret staging grounds on two of Cybertron's moons, valiant Autobots prepare to retake their home.



9. Ironhide, an impatient but brave warrior, watches the Decepticons crawling over his home, and itches for battle.



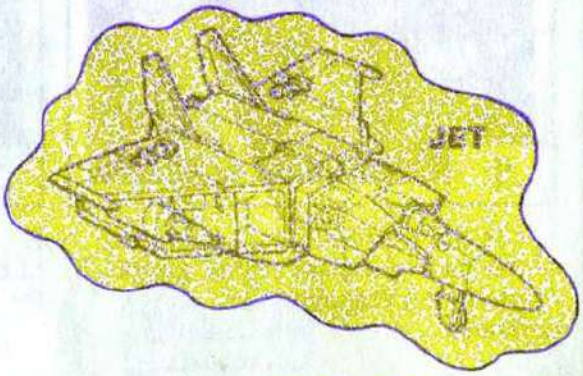
10. Optimus Prime, Autobot commander, warns that they don't have enough Energon cubes to power a full assault.

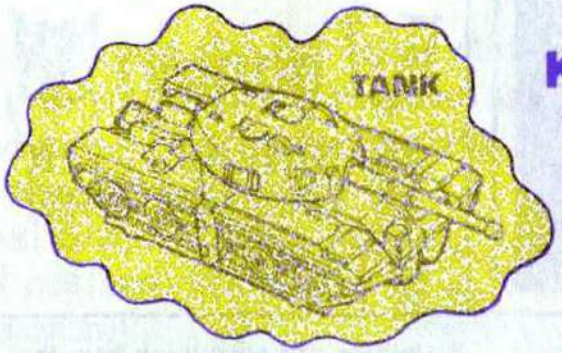


DECEPTICON®

BLITZWING

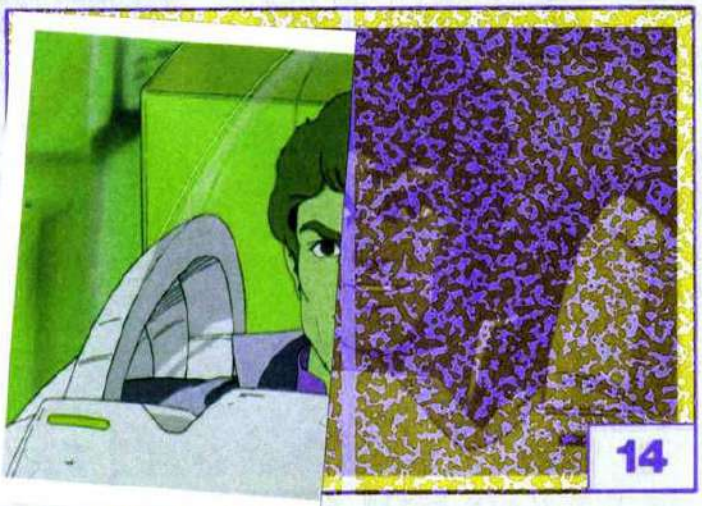
TRANSFORMS INTO TWO DIFFERENT VEHICLES!



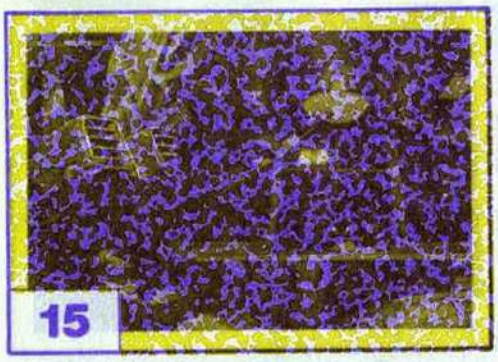


DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY ARE?

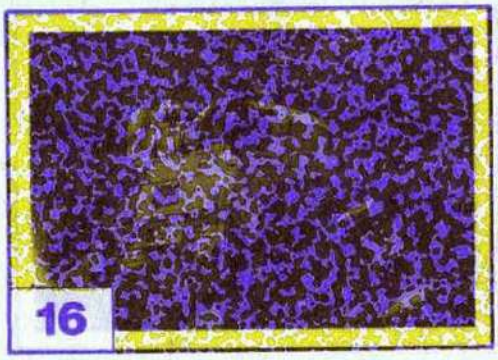
11-12. Bumblebee and Spike, monitoring a moon satelite nearby, alert Optimus Prime that a shipment of Energon cubes could be picked up on Earth, in Autobot City. Optimus Prime gives Ironhide the "go-ahead." Ironhide blasts off.



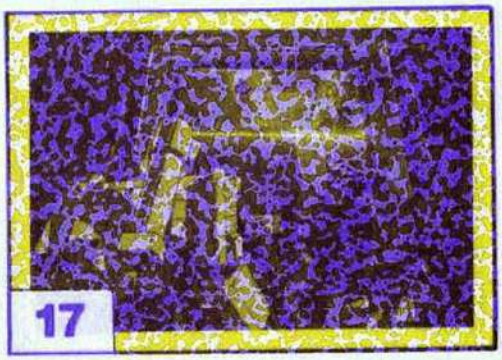
13-14. Before Ironhide departs, Spike asks him for a favor on earth. "Tell my son Daniel that I miss him, and that I'll be home as soon as we've kicked Megatron's tail across the Universe!"



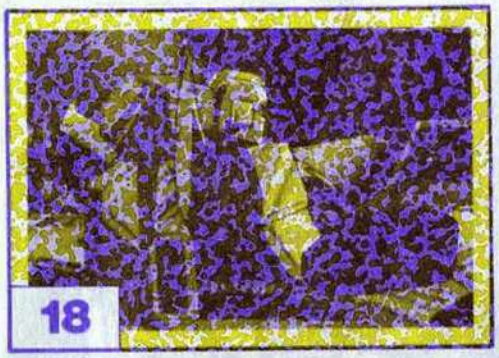
15. But what's this intercepting the Autobot communication? Lazerbeak, a Recordicon, steals away...



16. ...and flies straight for the arm of Megatron, imperial leader of the evil Decepticons!

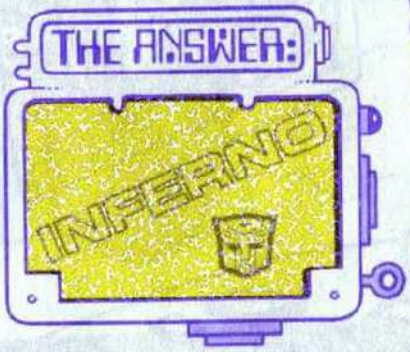


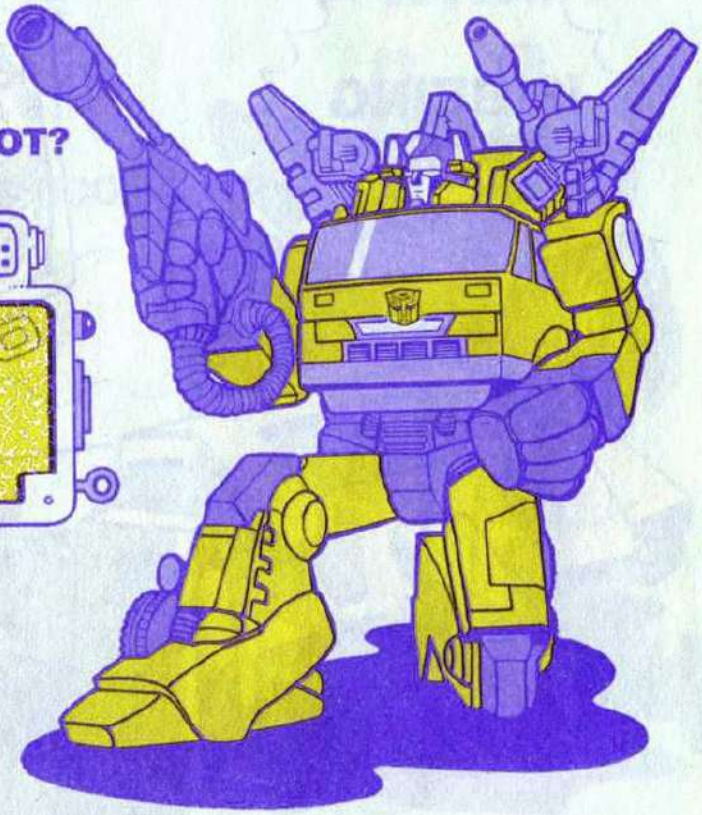
17. Megatron replays the transmission in Lazerbeak's cassette, and now knows the Autobot's plan.



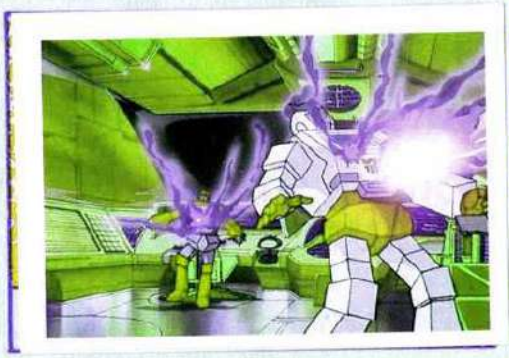
18. Ironhide and Cliffjumper speed through the atmosphere towards earth, fueled by the desire to win back their home.

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS HEROIC AUTOBOT?

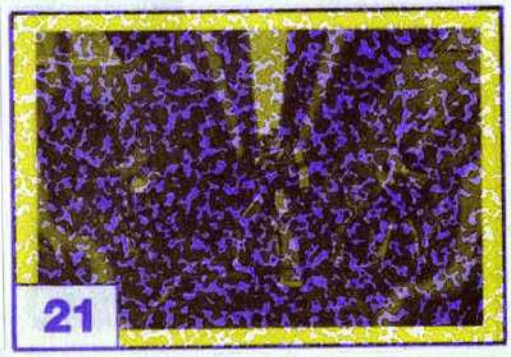




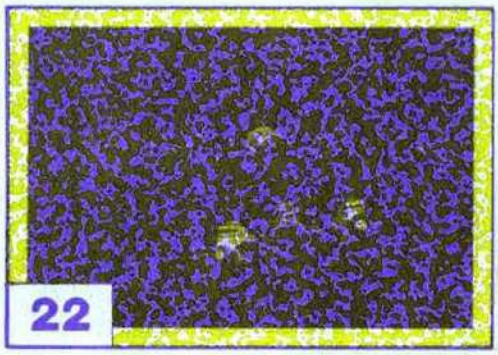
19. Their journey is rocked suddenly by an explosion on the starboard side. The ship is invaded!



20. The battle lasts a few seconds. The brave Autobots confront the Decepticons with rockets blazing.

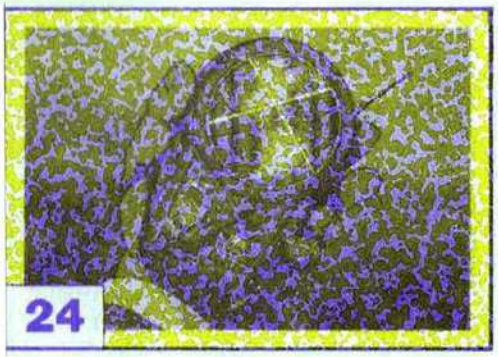


21. But Megatron and his horde destroy Ironhide and his crew, taking control of the ship.



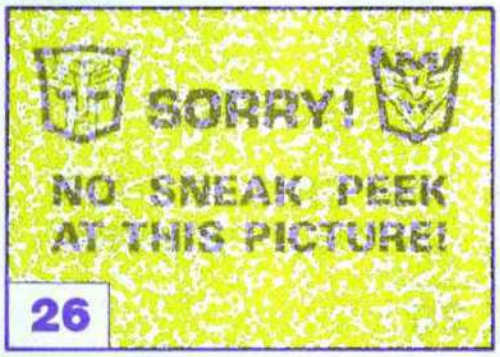
22. Megatron plans to slip by the earth security system in the Autobot ship, and destroy Autobot City forever.

23. Meanwhile, outside Autobot City, Hot Rod tries to cheer up Daniel, who misses his dad, Spike.

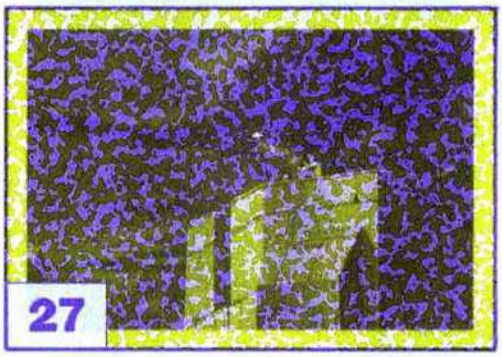


24. Daniel's viewer-scope alerts him that the Autobot shuttle approaches and will land shortly.

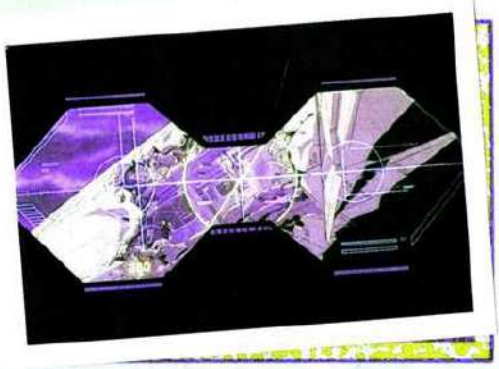
25. He hops on his Skate-rocket and blasts off towards the landing deck, anxious to meet his Dad.



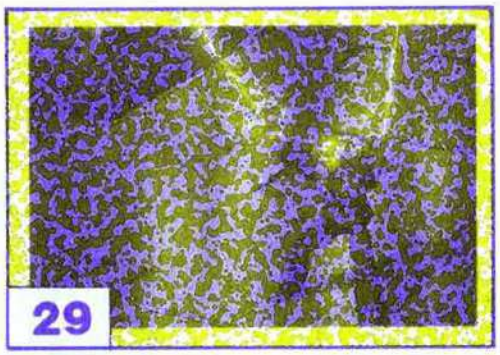
26. Hot Rod, knowing how anxious Daniel is, transforms himself and races Daniel to meet the ship.



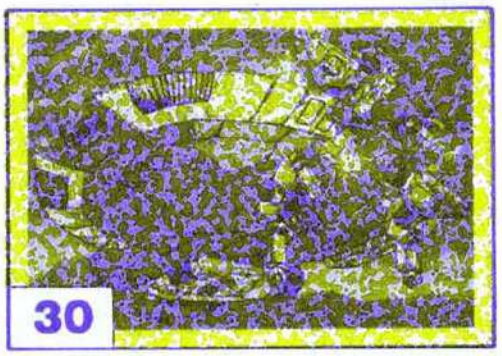
27. They reach the landing deck just as the Autobot ship approaches. But the ship isn't flying smoothly. . .



28. . . .and Daniel sees through the telescope that there's a hole in the side of the ship — full of Decepticons!



29. Hot Rod immediately opens fire on the Decepticons, hoping to shoot them out of the sky before they do some damage.

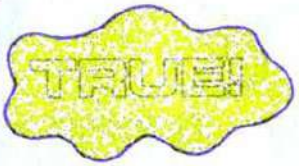


30. The Decepticons abandon the ship and begin an attack from the sky and on the land.

TRUE OR FALSE?

HE IS AN AUTOBOT

HE IS A DECEPTICON



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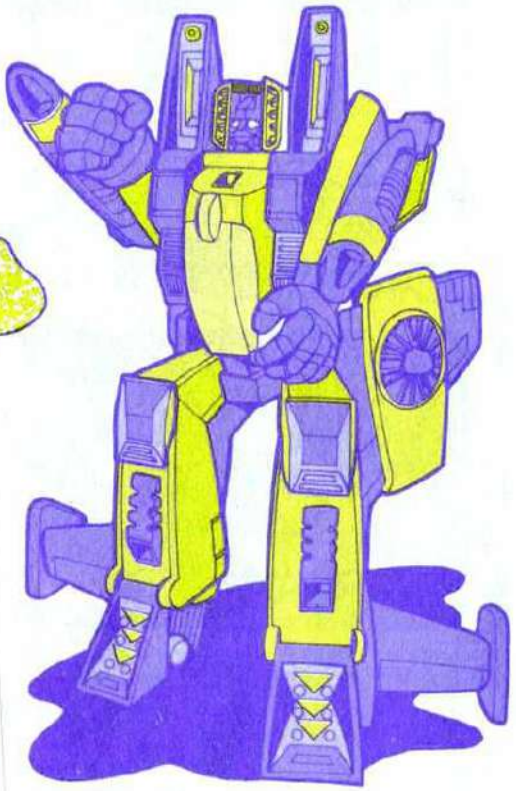
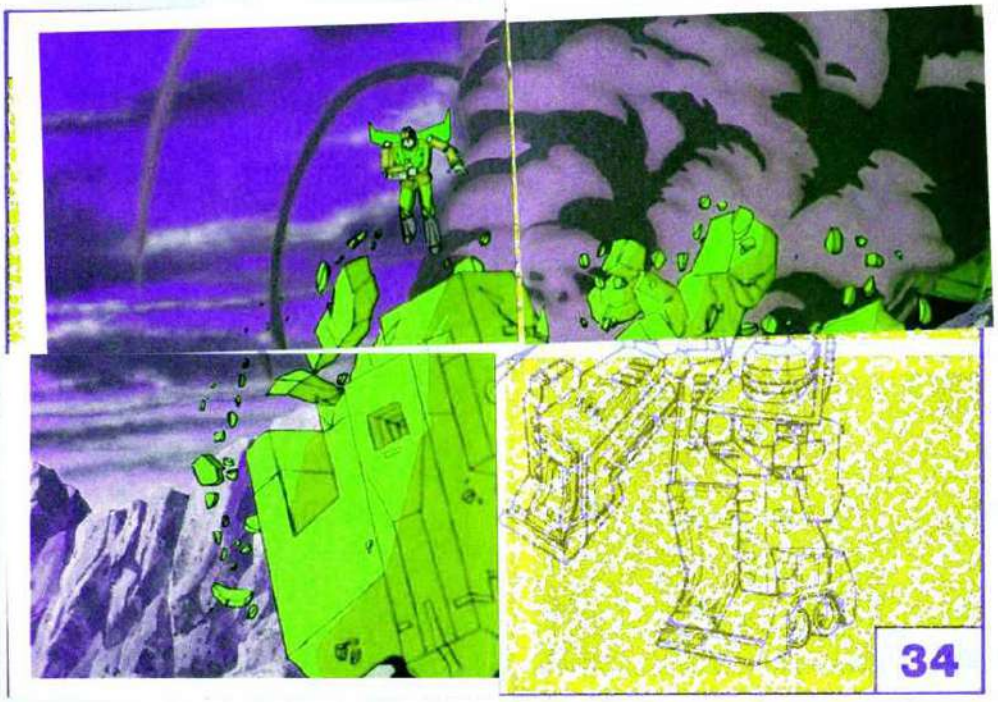
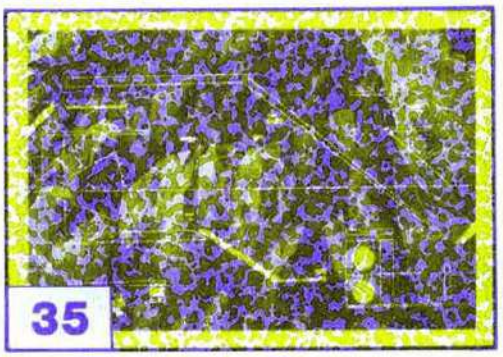
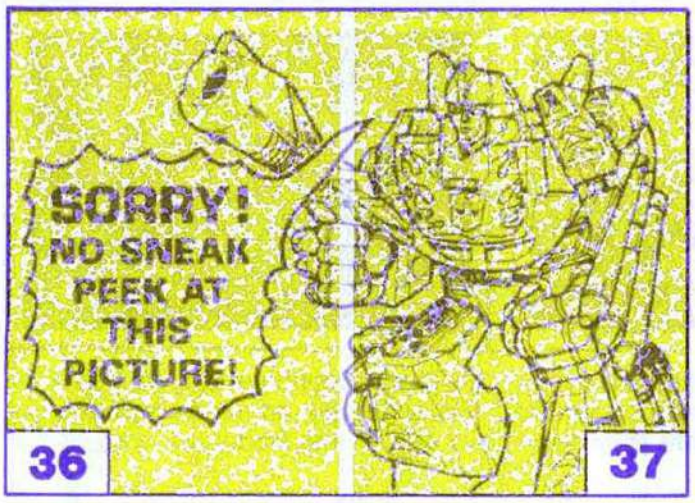




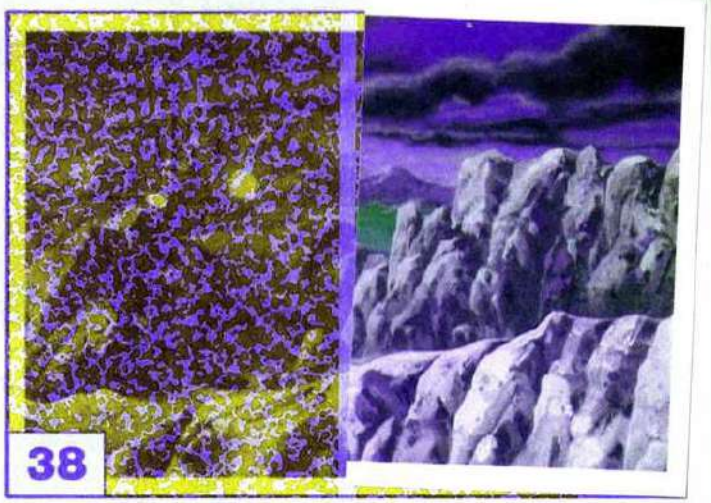
31-32-33-34. The Decepticon's ship crashes into a cliff, turning the once peaceful mountainside scene into an inferno of destruction and rocking the landscape with its enormous impact.



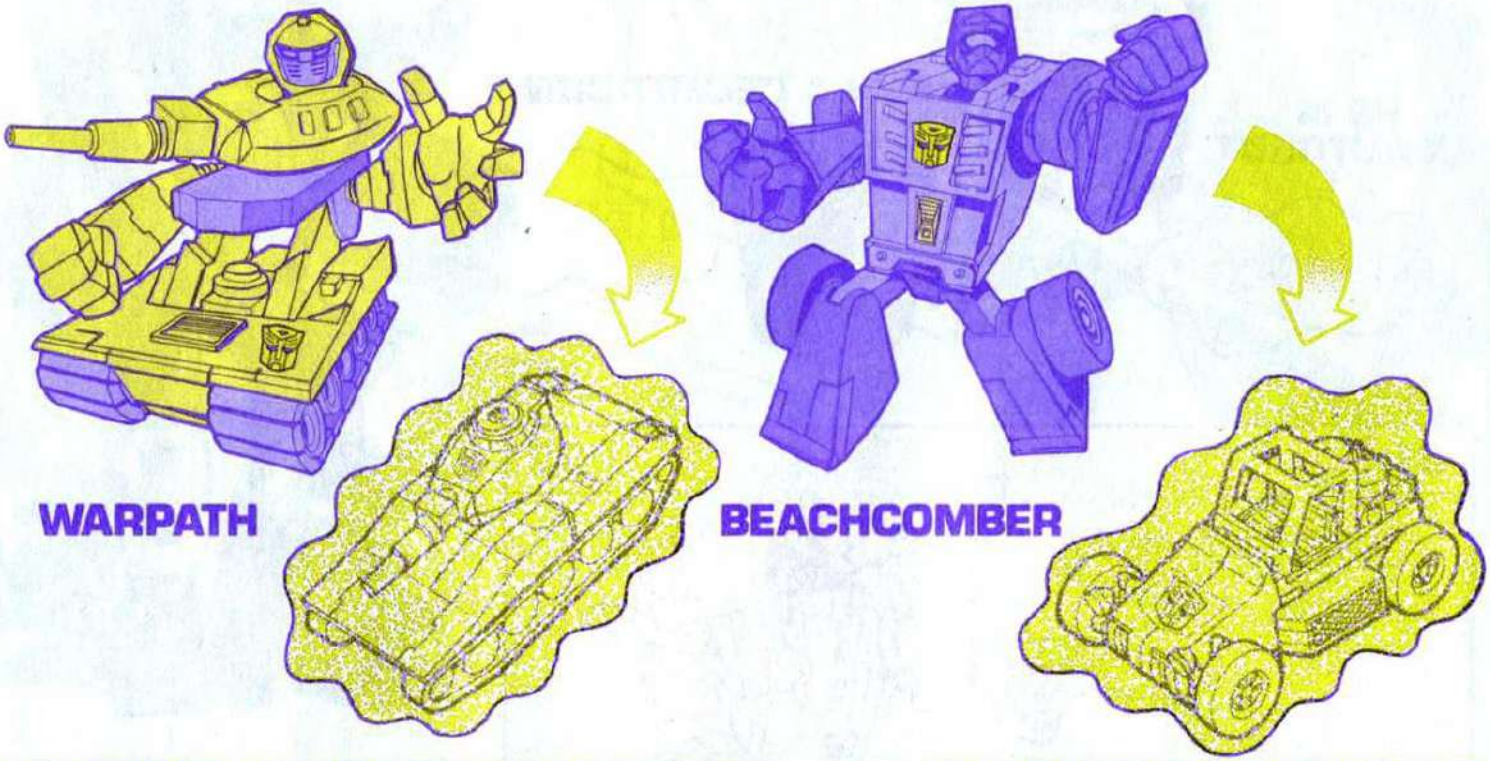
35. A Decepticon transforms into a tank and sets his deadly sites on Hot Rod and Daniel.

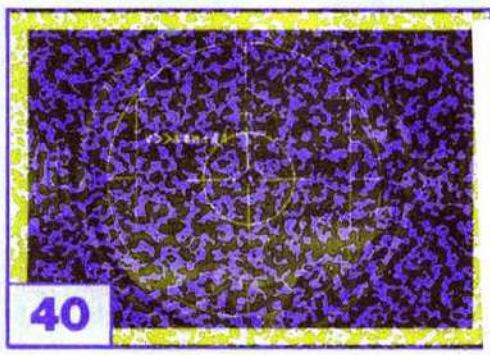


36-37. In the nick of time, the old war hero Kup joins in the battle. He speeds to the scene, transforms to Autobot, and wrestles the tank's barrel just enough to divert the shot and save his friends.

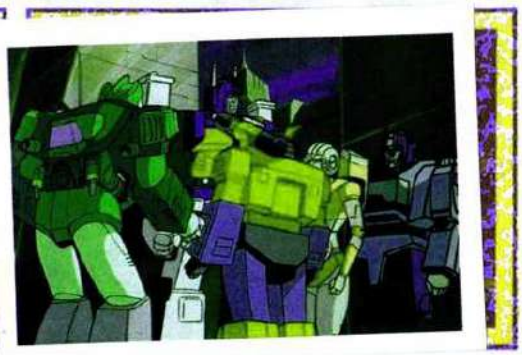


38-39. The skirmish over, the Autobots transform — and race toward Autobot City, where the real battle is about to begin. The city's defenders must be warned that their security system has been penetrated.

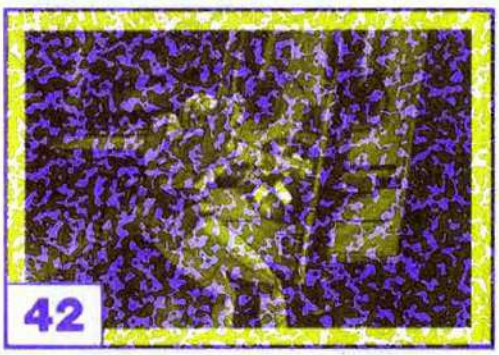




40. Before Hot Rod, Kup and Daniel reach the walls of the city, the lookout Perceptor sees a sky full of ships.

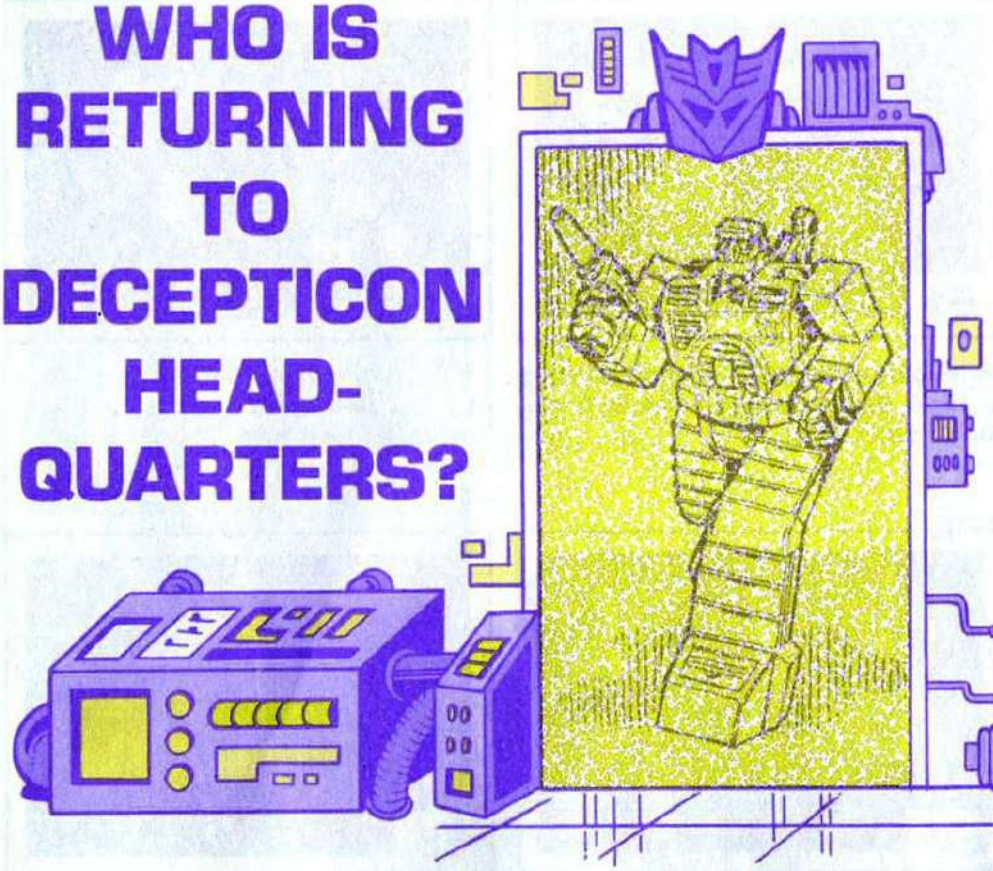


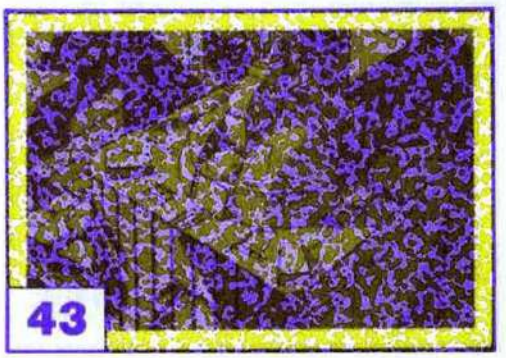
41. Ultra Magnus, general of Autobot City, evaluates the situation and organizes the defenses. At his orders...



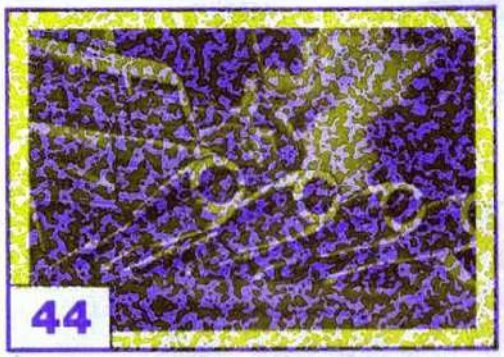
42. ...the Autobot warriors prepare the city to transform into a battle-ready fortress.

WHO IS RETURNING TO DECEPTICON HEAD-QUARTERS?

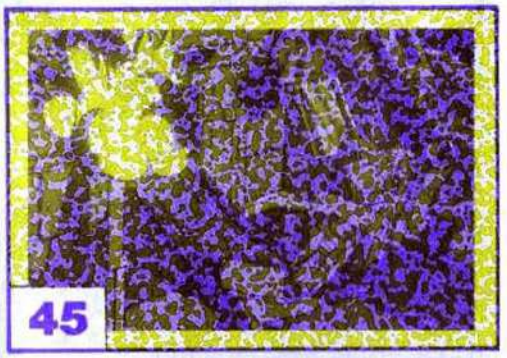




43. Beneath the city walls and floors, gears begin to turn — slowly opening hidden compartments...

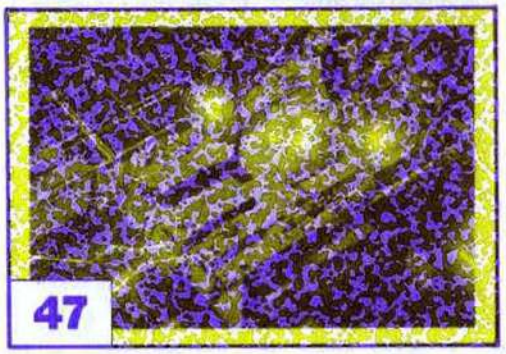


44. ...and unleashing banks of mighty laser cannons and energy rockets. The Protectobot Shield rises...

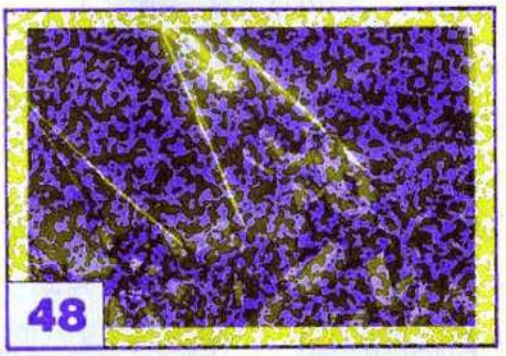


45. ...but Megatron, determined to break the city's defenses, orders his warriors to increase their attack.

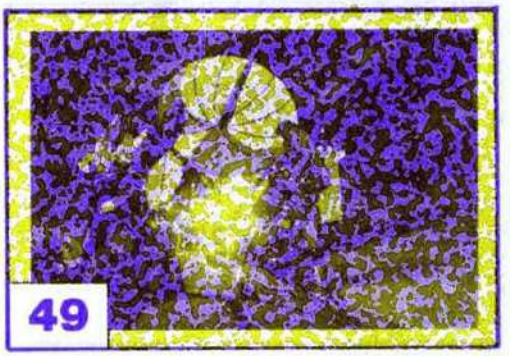
46. Hot Rod and Kup manage to break into the city through a blasted hole, just before the shield reseals it shut.



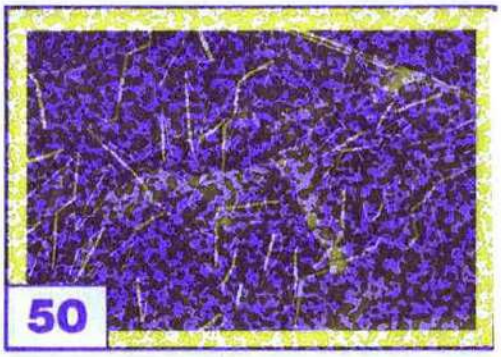
47. As the Autobots and Decepticons battle it out head to head, the walls of Autobot City begin to weaken...



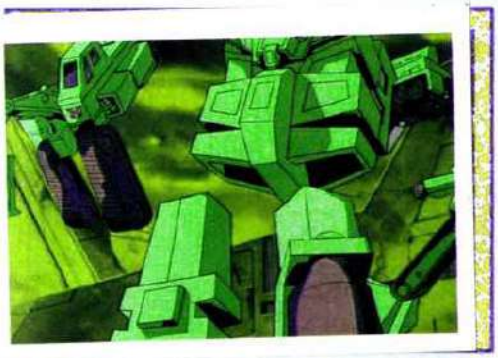
48. ...under a barrage of rocket fire and cannon blasts. Their hope now is to get a message to Optimus Prime.



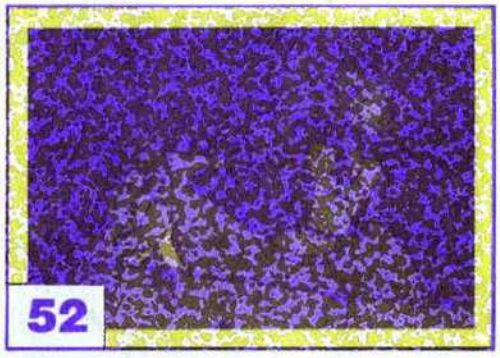
49. Did the message get through before the Decepticons destroyed the transmitter? There's no time to wonder...



50. . . . as the Decepticons continue to attack from every angle, searching for cracks in the Autobot defenses.

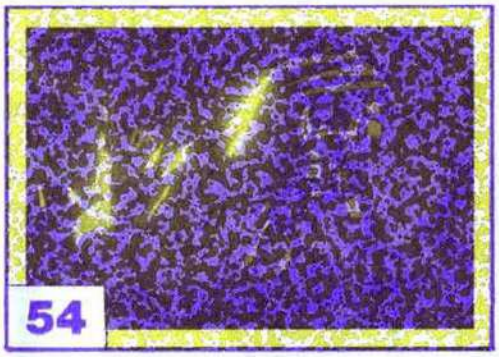


51. Megatron orders the Constructicons to unite, and the quick units leap on top of each other. . .

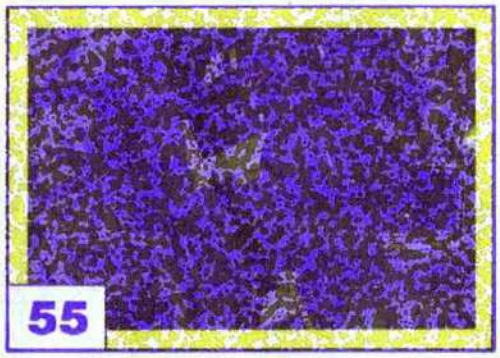


52. . . . to create a huge force of evil. Kup and Danny stare in disbelief. In front of their eyes. . .

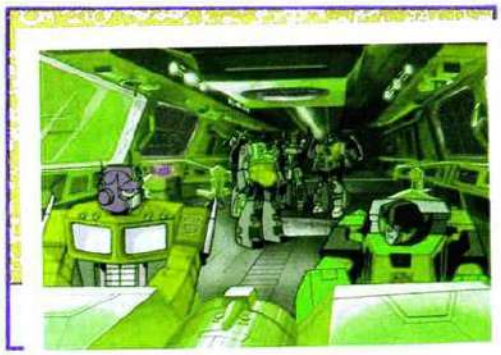
53. . . . the Constructicons fit together to build Devastator, a single giant force of destruction.



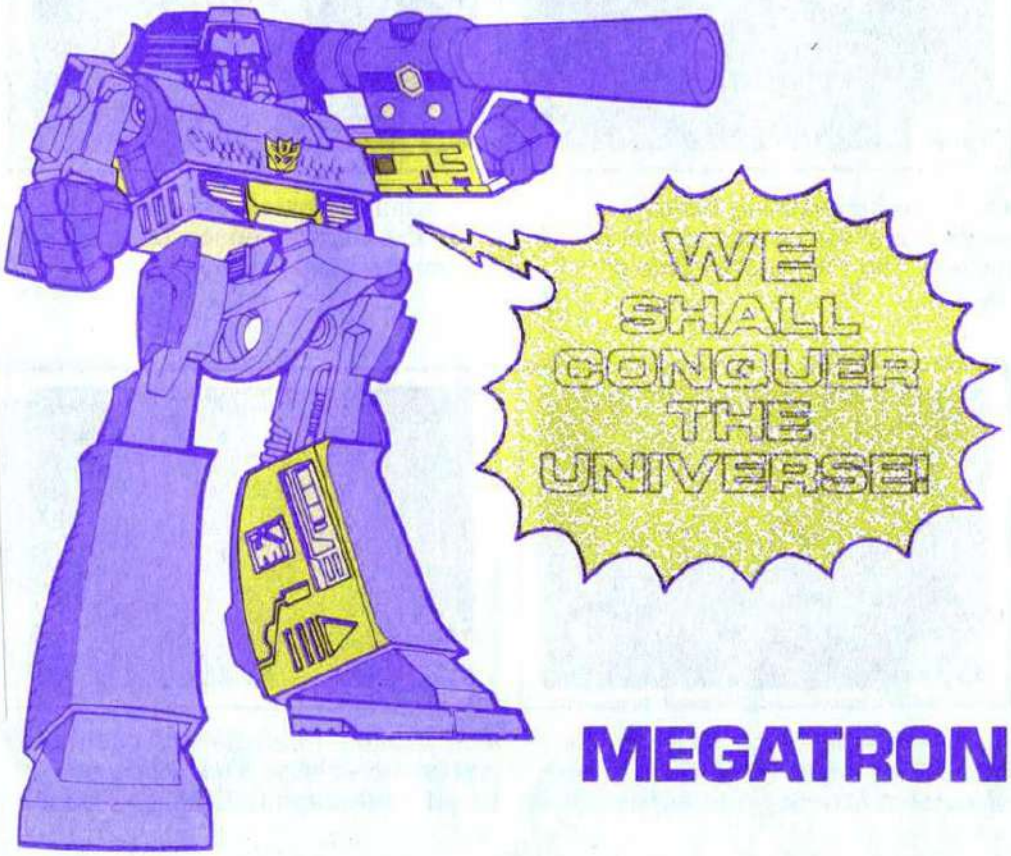
54. No weapons in Autobot City even slow down the bulk of Devastator. The rockets explode around him. . .



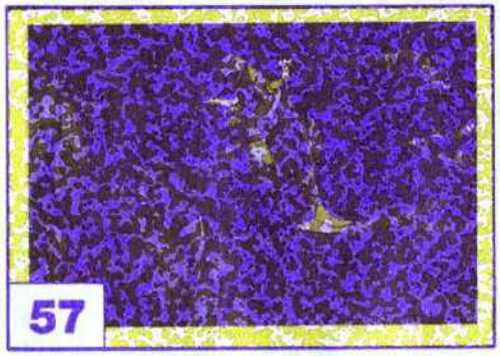
55. . . . and he brushes them away, ripping finally through the walls of Autobot City. This could be the end!



56. But there is *hope*! The transmission has reached Optimus Prime, and his ship approaches.

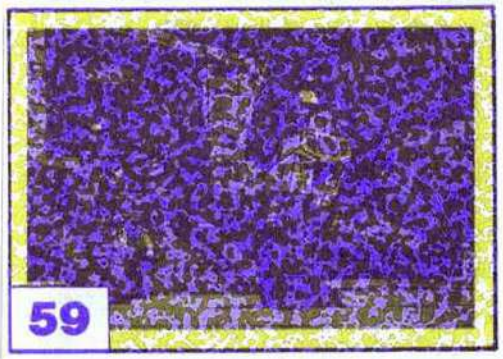


CHAPTER 2: THE TRANSITION OF POWER!



57. Optimus Prime sends the Dinobots ahead to battle Devastator and hold back the Decepticons until he lands.

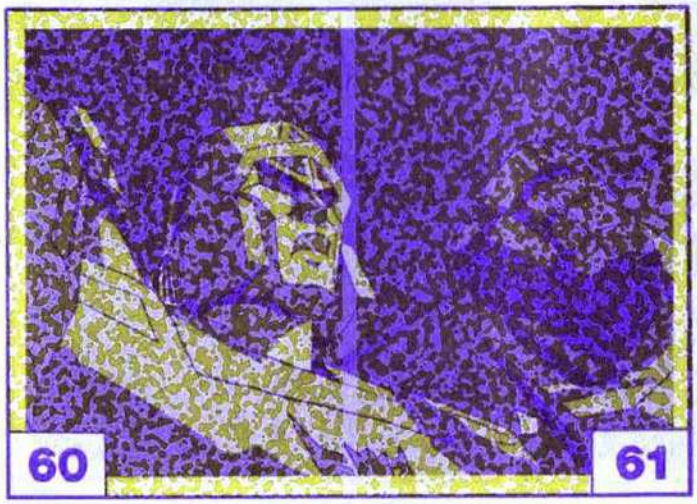
58. The Dinobots transform in mid-air and, together, knock Devastator out of the city.



59. But Optimus knows that it's Megatron, the leader, who must be stopped — no matter what the cost!

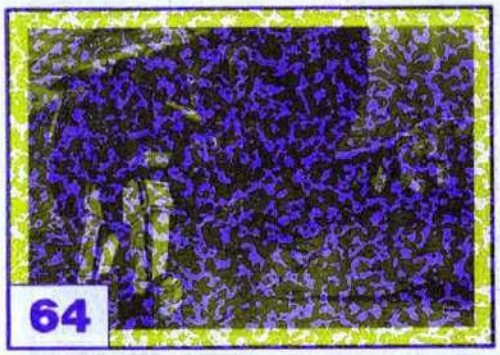
AUTOBOT SECRET MESSAGE!

OPTIMUS PRIME

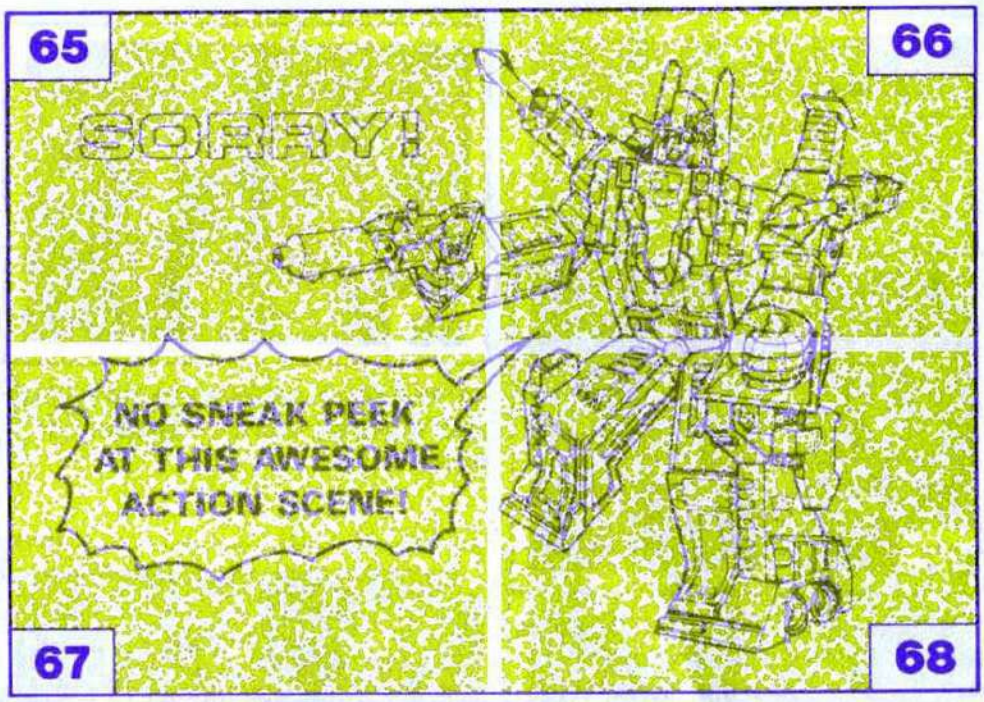


60-61. Megatron stands above it all, commanding his troops to slaughter the Autobots, when he turns and sees Optimus Prime. "Why do you throw away your life so recklessly?" he asks Optimus Prime. "That is a question," answers Optimus...

62-63. ..."that you should ask yourself!" — and their duel begins. Megatron hurls his laser-dagger from his boot, wounding Optimus — but not enough to keep him from finally throwing Megatron into a metal heap.



64. Megatron cowers, and pretends to plead for his life, but he moves toward a gun hidden from Optimus.



65-66-67-68. Hot Rod sees Megatron's move and tries to stop him. The spunky Autobot leaps on the wicked Decepticon.

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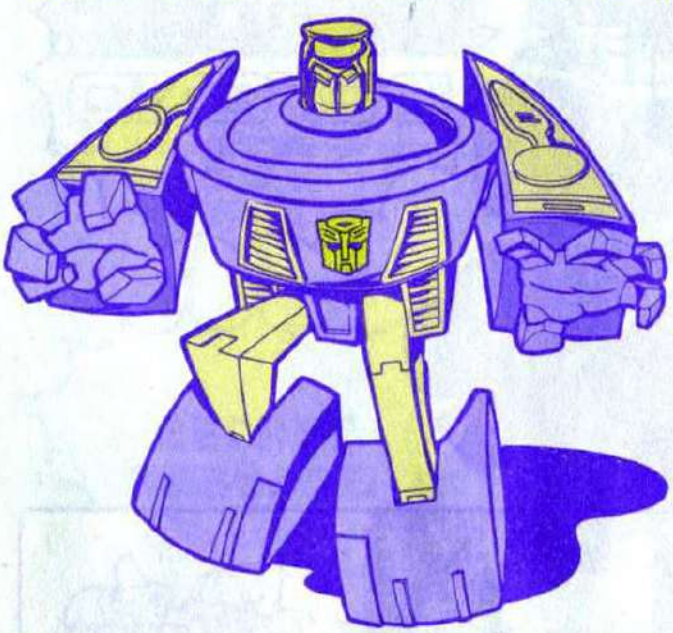
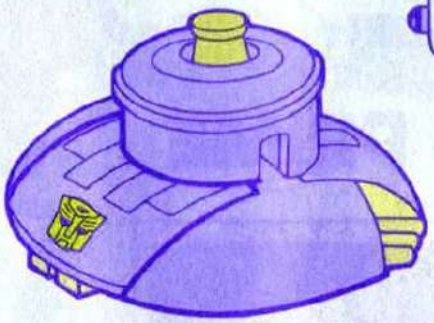
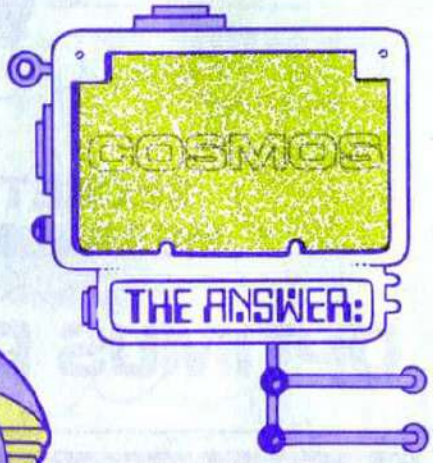
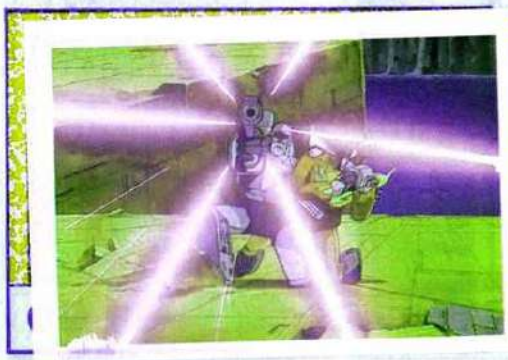
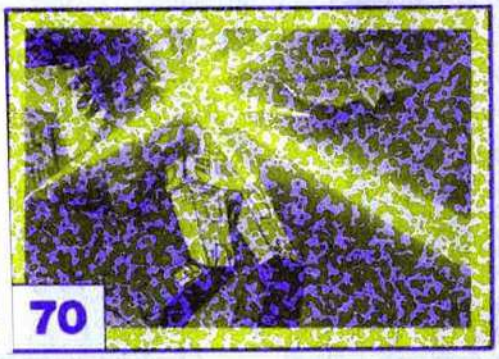




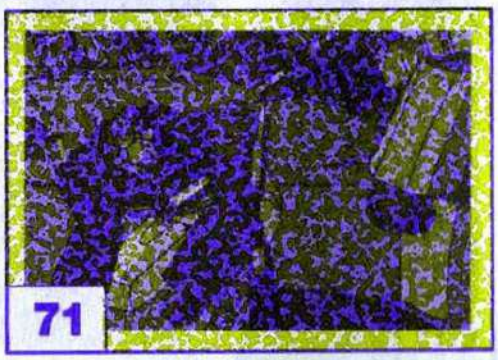




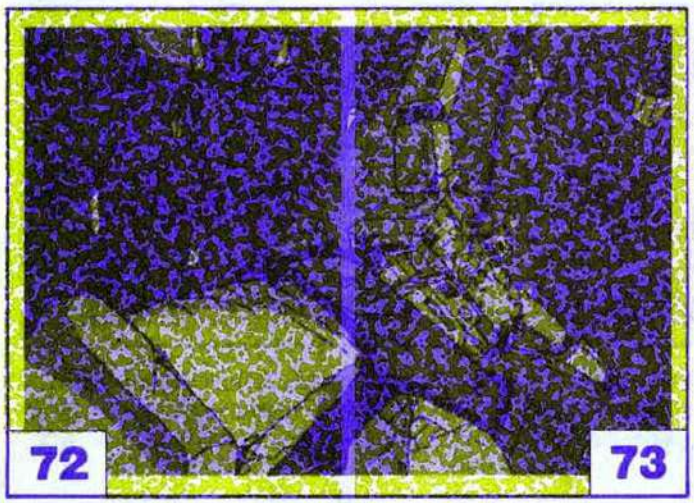
69. Turning the tables, Megatron overpowers Hot Rod and uses him as a shield...



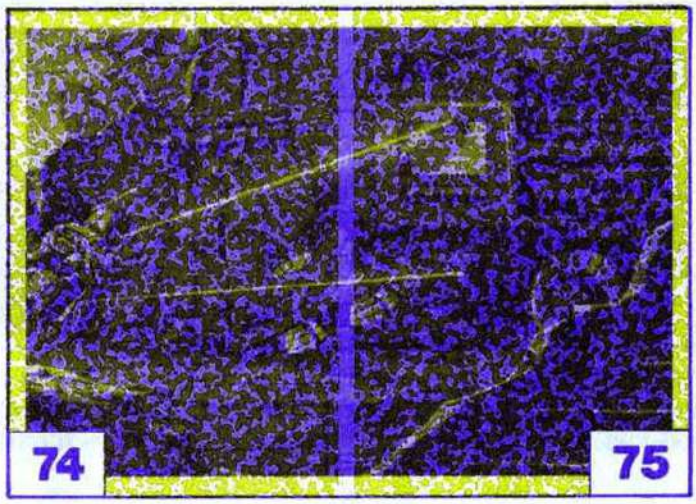
70. ...to blast away at Optimus Prime, who won't shoot for fear of hitting his colleague. Prime falls.



71. And Megatron demands that Optimus beg for his life, as Megatron did. Optimus, on his knees...

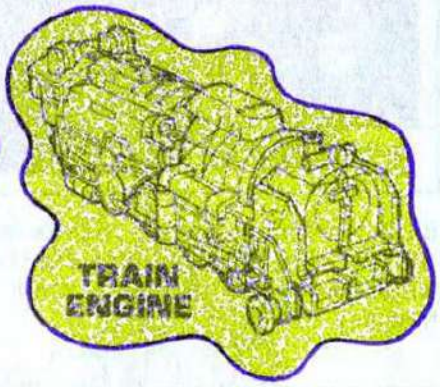


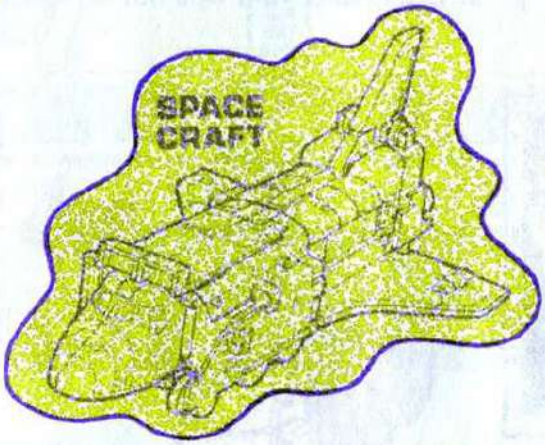
72-73. . . . responds with a mighty uppercut that knocks Megatron into the air and over a cliff. After the punch, as if it drained his last bit of energy, Optimus falls to the ground. Hot Rod runs to help him.



74-75. The defeat of Megatron turned the tide on the Decepticon attack. They retreat to their escape ship and prepare to blast off. Megatron, about to be left behind, convinces one faithful warrior to carry him onto the ship. They blast off.

DECEPTICON ASTROTRAIN TRANSFORMS INTO TWO DIFFERENT VEHICLES...





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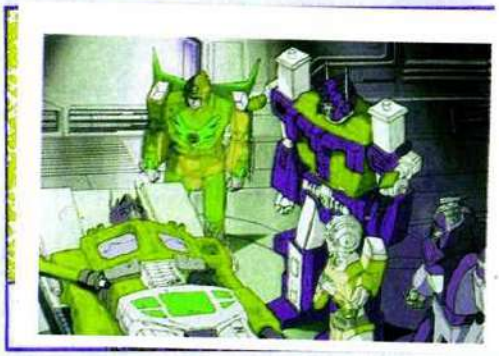
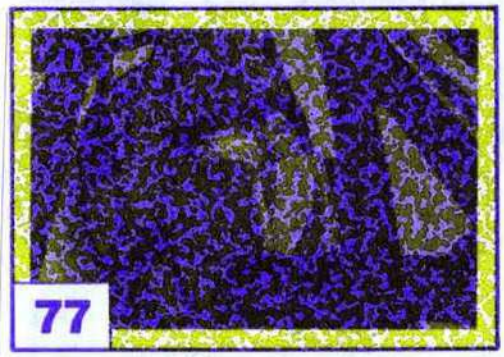
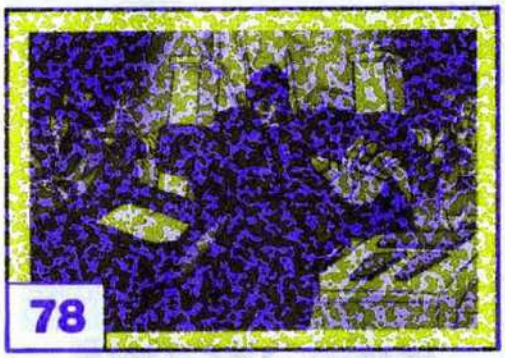


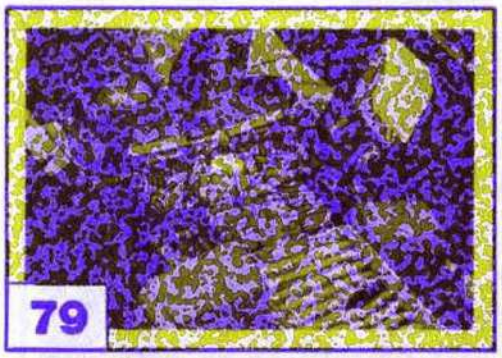
76. The battle over for now, the Autobots tend to the wounded — especially their leader and hero, Optimus Prime.



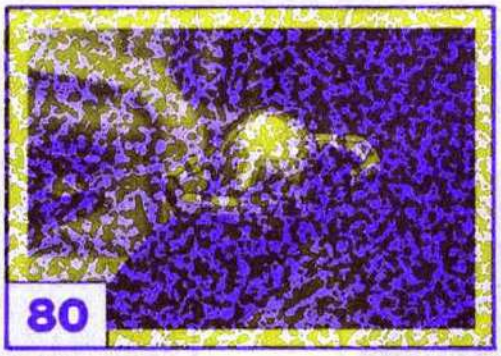
77. Optimus knows his wounds are fatal, but tells the Autobots not to grieve. Soon he will be one with the Matrix.



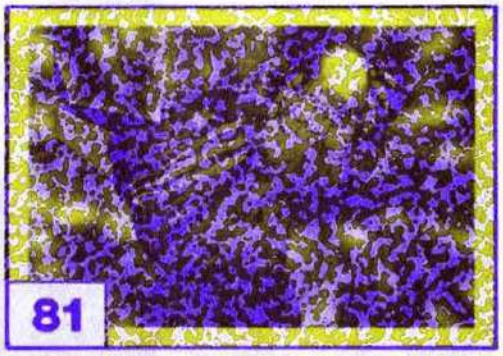
78. Ultra Magnus protests that he is not worthy when Optimus tells him that he shall now keep the Matrix.



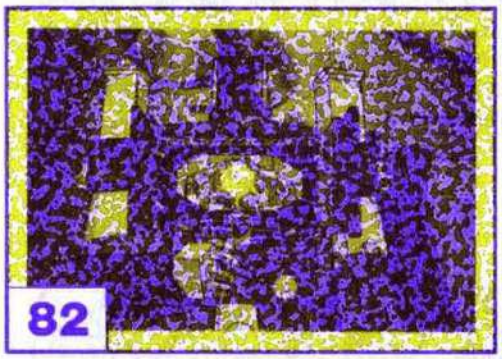
79. Optimus tells him that one day an Autobot shall rise from their ranks and use the powers of the Matrix...



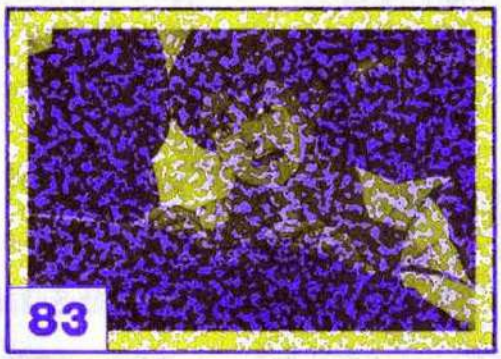
80. ...to light their darkest hour. Until then, Ultra Magnus must keep the Matrix in the hands of the Autobots.



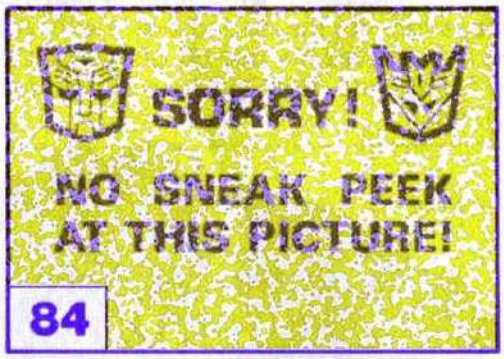
81. Weakening, Optimus drops the Matrix. Hot Rod catches it, and feels the power for a moment.



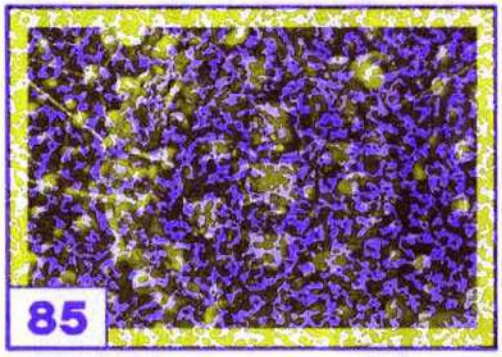
82. According to his old friend's last wishes, Ultra Magnus locks the Matrix within him. Optimus gasps, "Until that day...



83. "...Until all are one...Continue the struggle...Transfer the Matrix of Leadership." And Optimus dies.

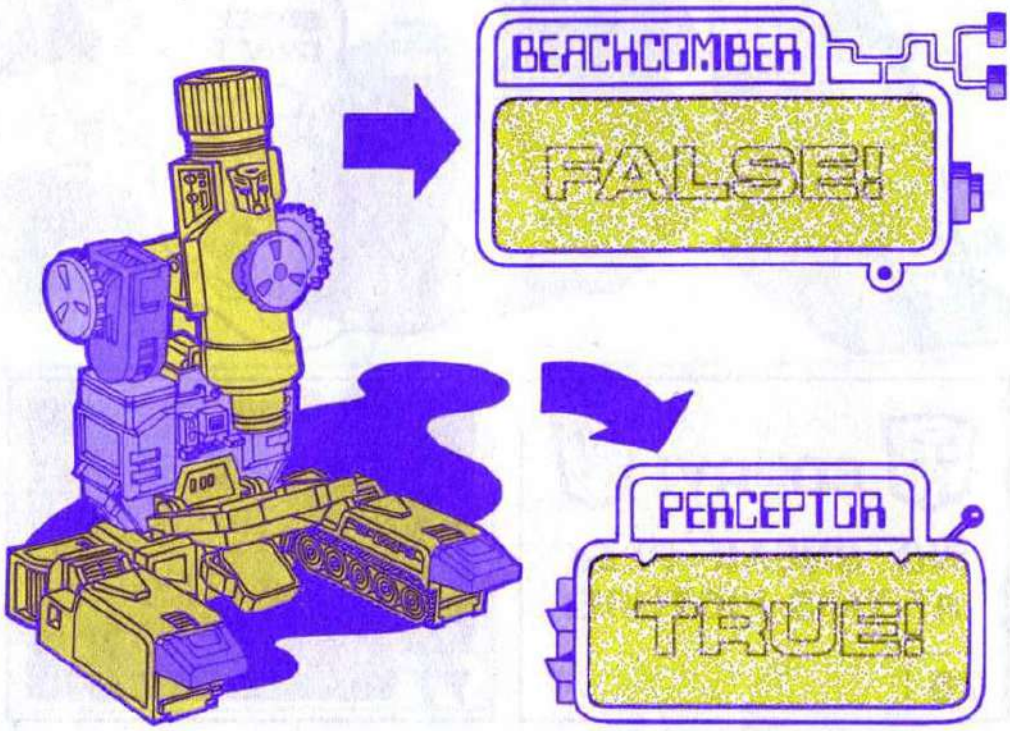


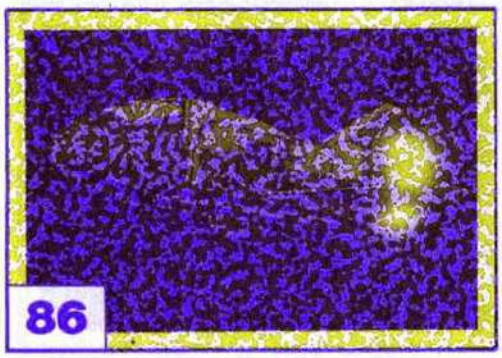
84. But not all grieve at his death. Moving closer to Cybertron, Unicron detects the power of the Matrix.



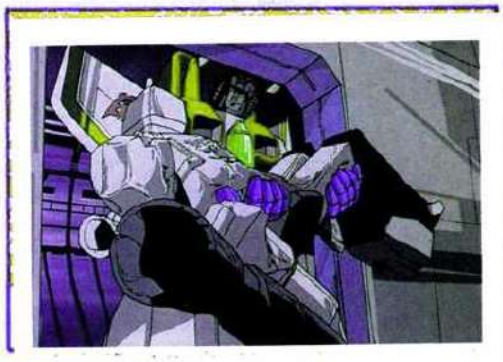
85. His internal sensing monitors observe the transfer of the Matrix from Optimus to Ultra Magnus.

WHO DOES THIS MICROSCOPE TURN INTO?

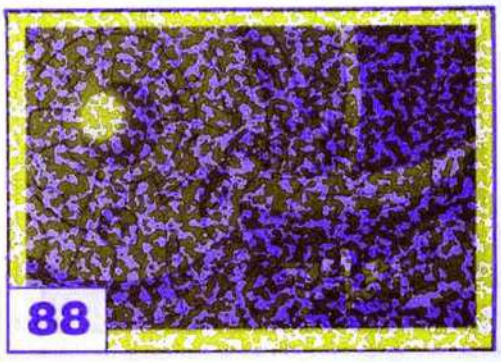




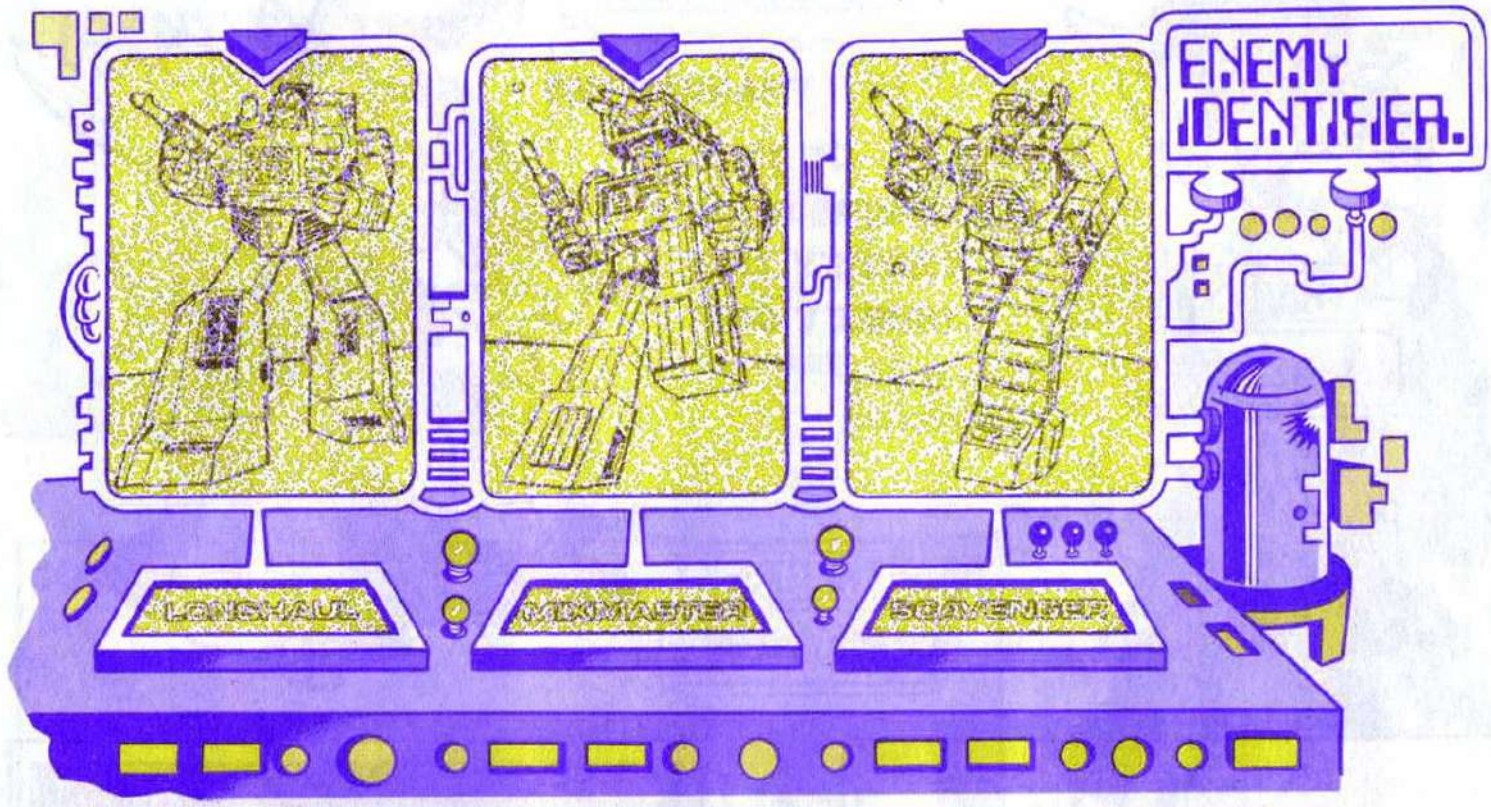
86. The Decepticon escape ship veers across the galaxy, reeling from too much weight. To survive. . .

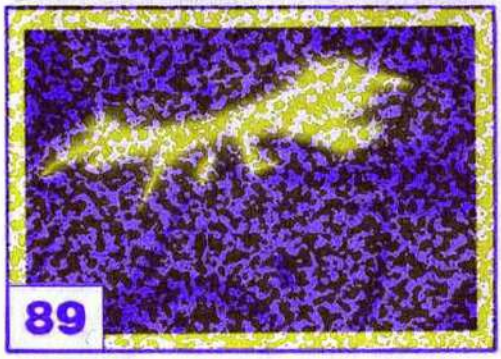


87. . . .they must toss off any extra weight. Starscream, seeking control of all the Decepticons, throws Megatron . . .

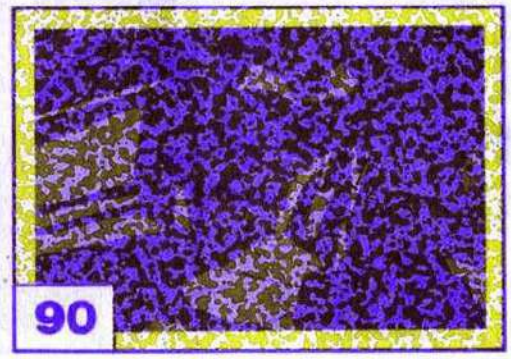


88. . . .into the vast expanse of space. He is pulled toward Unicron, who has drawn him there for a purpose.



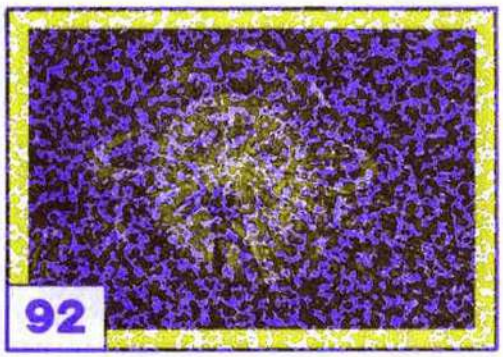


89. Unicron orders Megatron to seek out Ultra Magnus and to destroy the Matrix. When Megatron refuses. . .

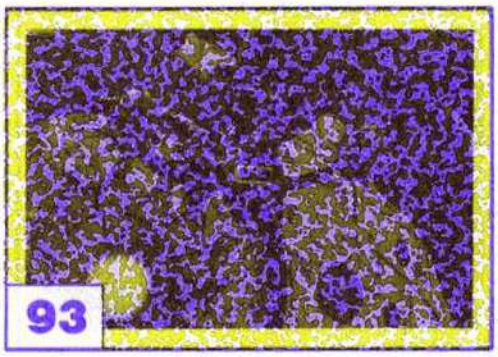


90. . . .Unicron threatens to blast him back on his trip towards oblivion. Megatron finally agrees.

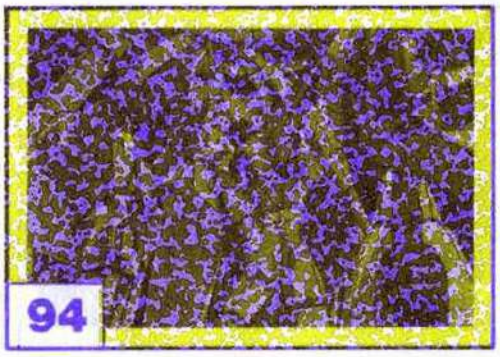
91. Unicron gives him a new body, transforming Megatron into a more powerful. . .Galvatron!



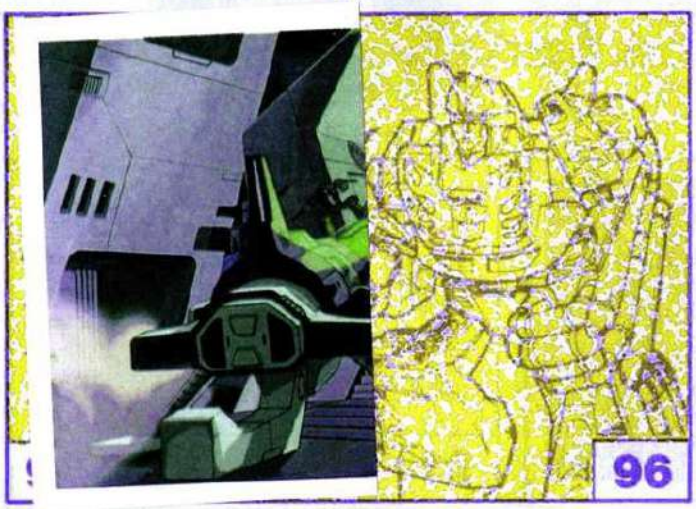
92. To help him conquer the Autobots, Unicron gives Galvatron an army of fighters and an armada.



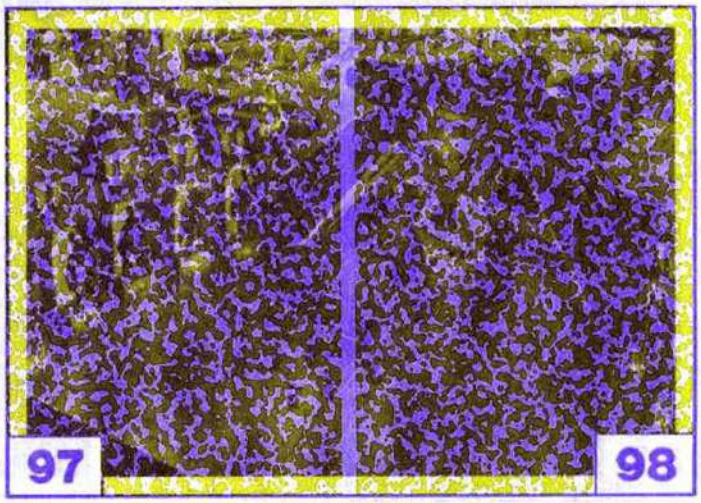
93. Galvatron boards his new ship and leads his army toward Cybertron, Ultra Magnus, and the Matrix of Light.



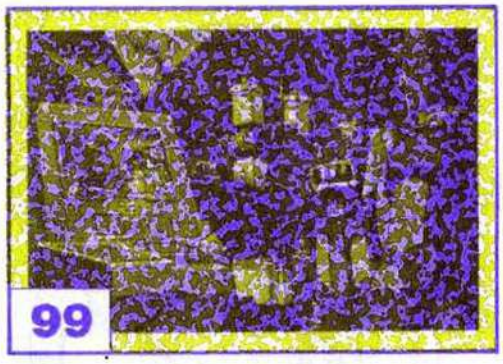
94. But first, Galvatron must pay back a debt. He approaches his old court as Starscream is crowned leader.



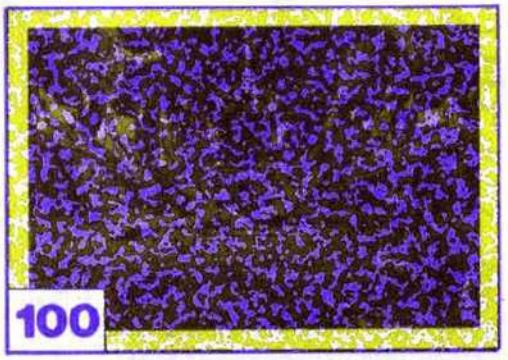
95-96. Starscream demands to know who disrupts his coronation. Galvatron responds, "Coronation? This is bad comedy!" and he transforms to a Galvagun, aims at Starscream, and blasts him out of his usurped throne.



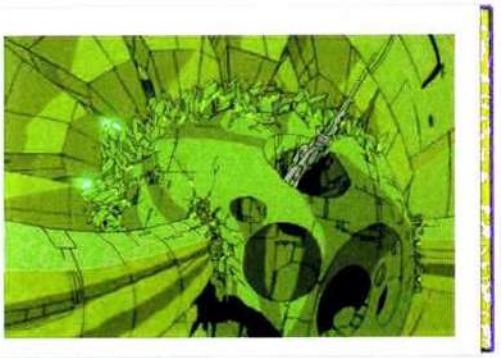
97-98. The crown rolls down the steps and Galvatron crushes it beneath his boot. As he does this, the warriors of the court vow to follow him into battle. Now Galvatron, reinforced with troops and supplies, prepares to attack.



99. Spike and Bumblebee transmit an SOS to Ultra Magnus and the Autobots: "A huge planet is approaching!. . .



100. ". . .Unicron!" Spike and Bumblebee set the moon station's self-destruct timer, and head for the escape ship.



101. They blast off as Unicron sucks everything inside. They won't escape unless the explosion goes off in time.

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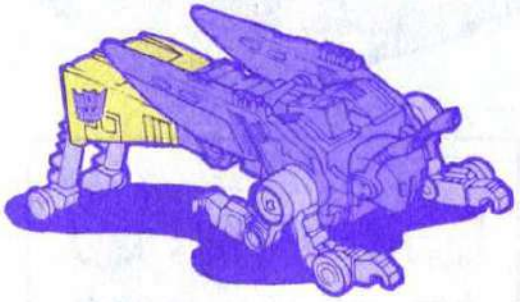
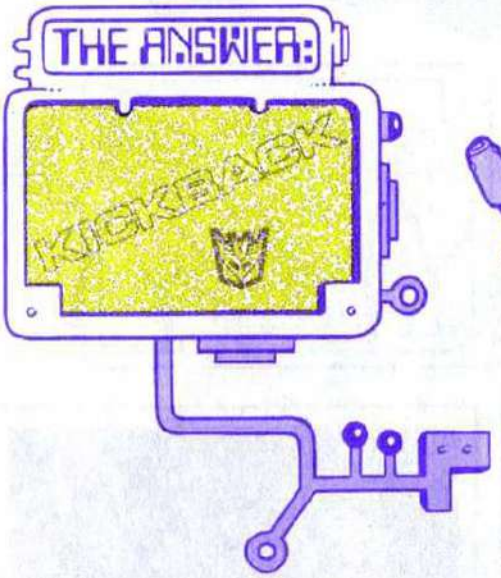
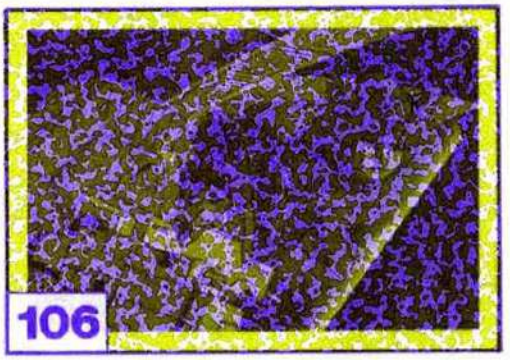
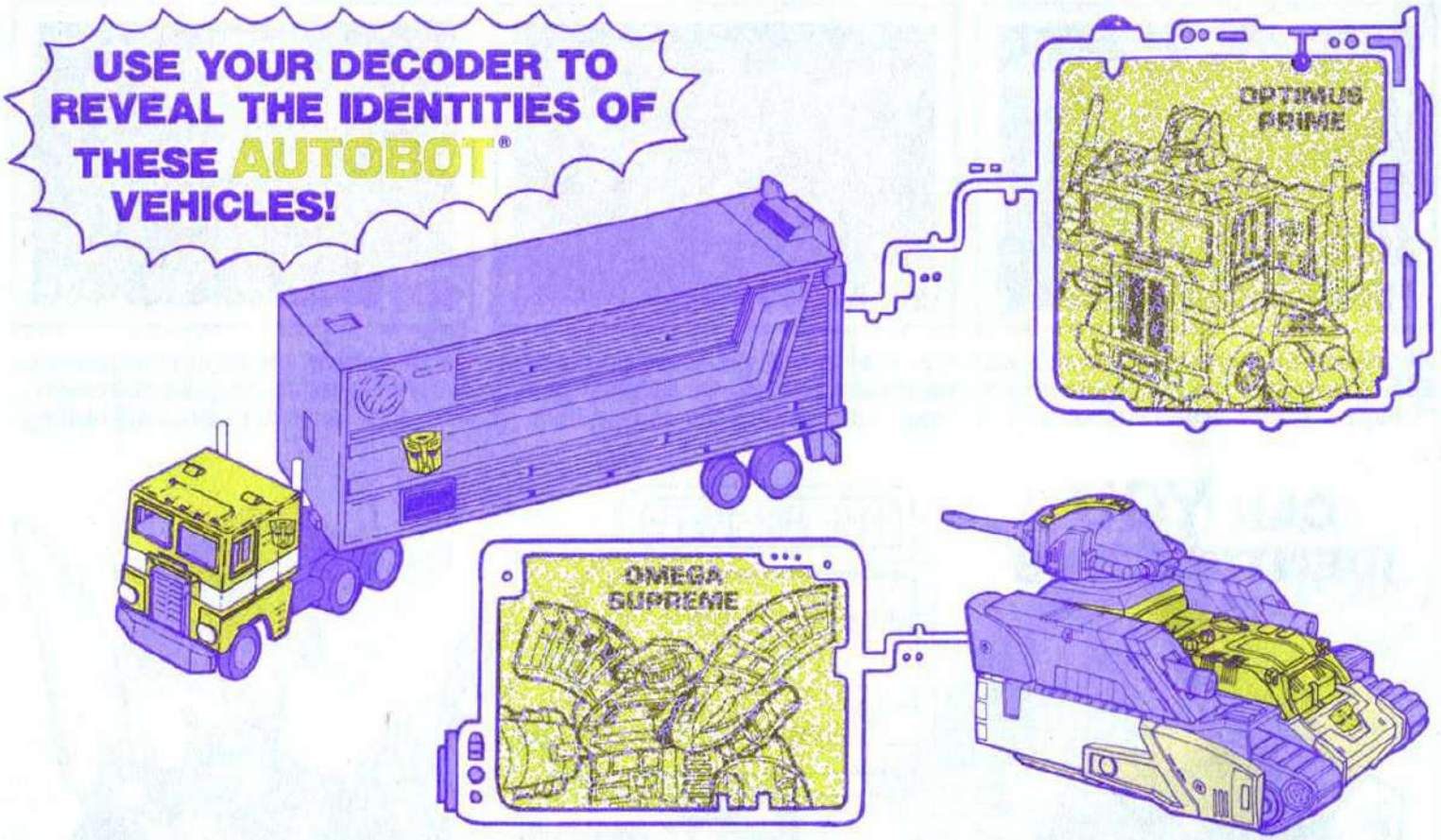


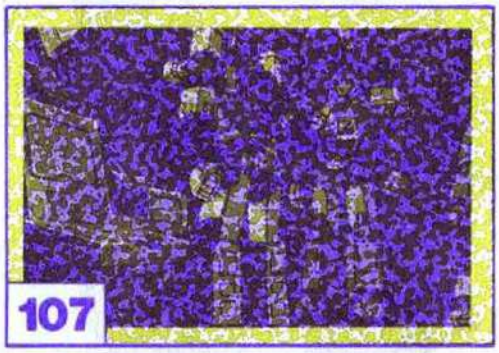


102-103-104-105. The self-destruct timer runs like clockwork. The explosion is tremendous — but not tremendous *enough*!

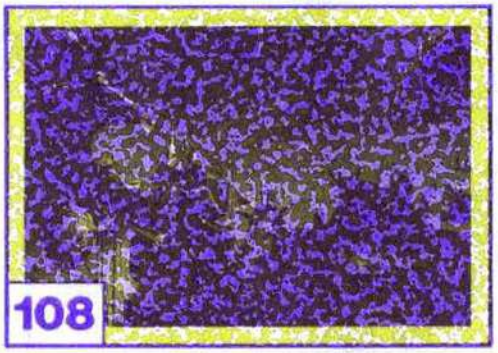


106. Unicron is undamaged! Their escape ship loses power, and they are pulled back toward Unicron.



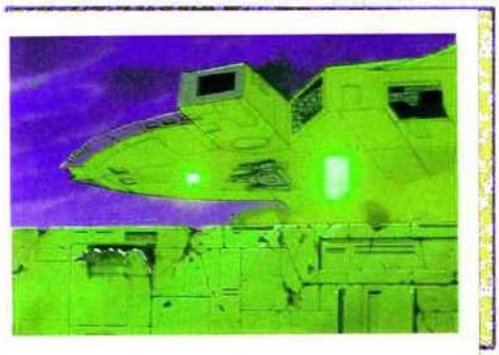


107. Ultra Magnus orders all Autobots to return to Cybertron to defend it from Unicron. Their departure. . .

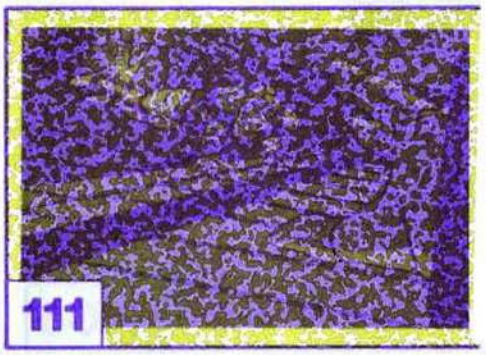


108. . . .is interrupted by Galvatron and the fleet of Decepticon ships. The Autobots run for cover. . .

109. . . .dodging Decepticon fire, and hoping to reach their ships and save Cybertron before it's too late.

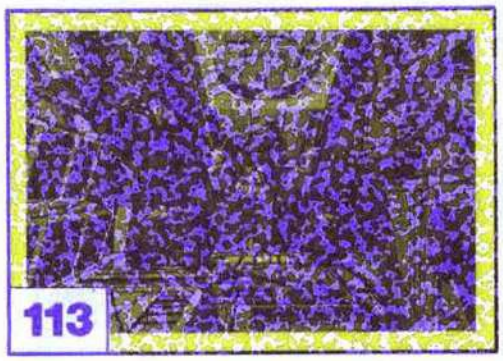


110. Ultra Magnus starts up the booster rockets and, believing everyone is on board, begins to take off.

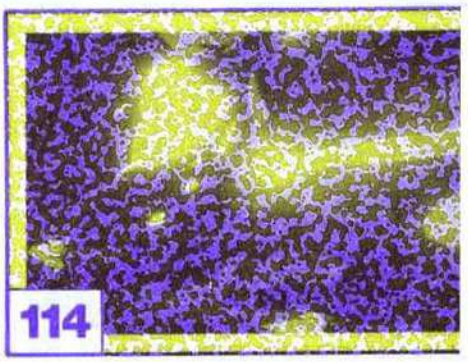


111. But Arcee isn't on! She leaps for the gangway, and reaches for Springer's hand. At last, she makes it. . .

112. . . .and the Autobot ship lifts off, taking to the sky. At least they have a *chance* of escape in their ship.

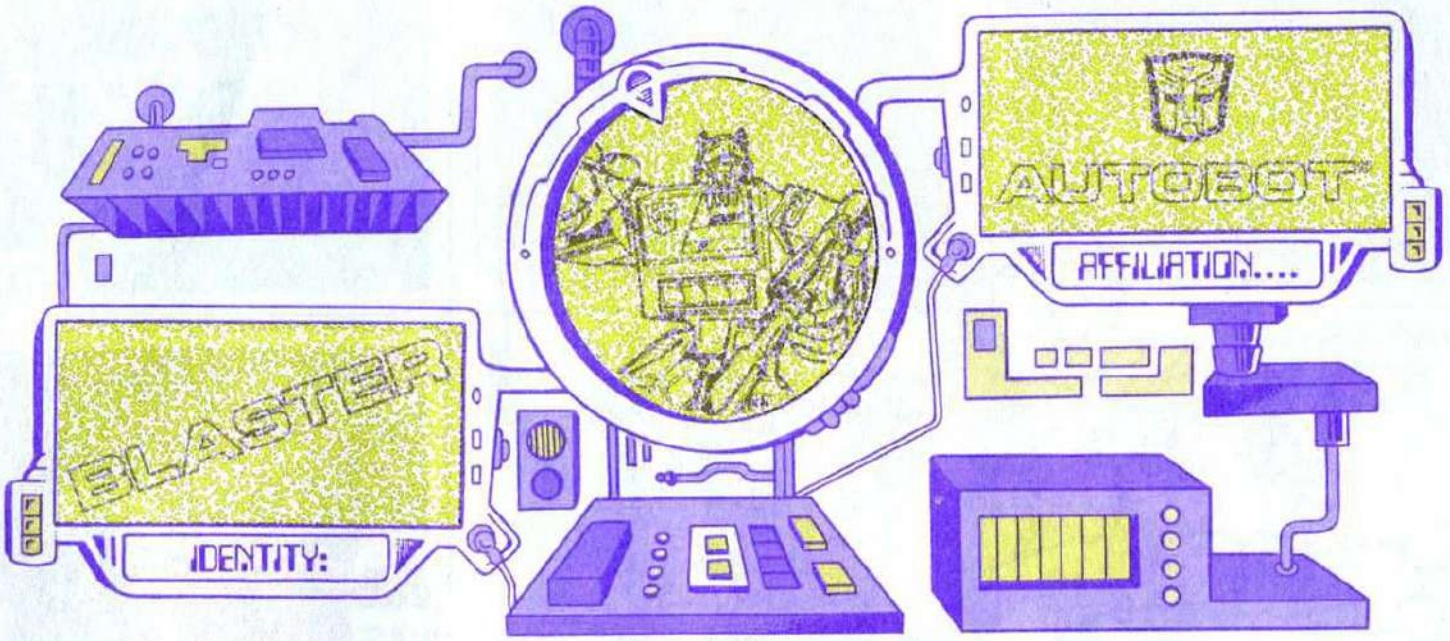


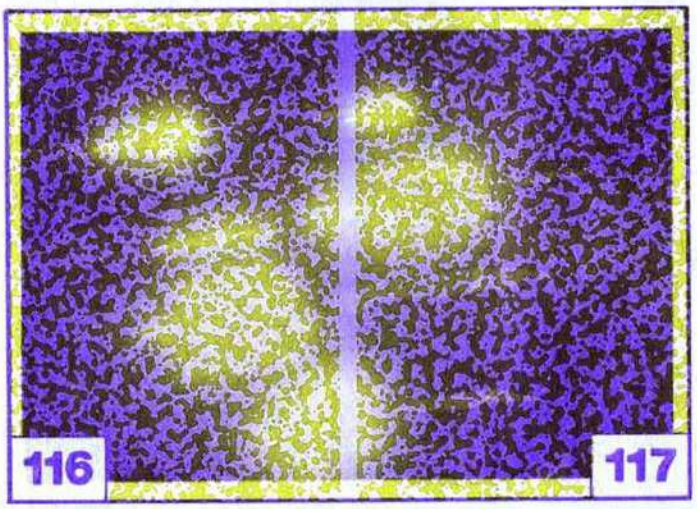
113. But *only* a chance. Galvatron redirects his forces, and bears down on the Autobot ship.



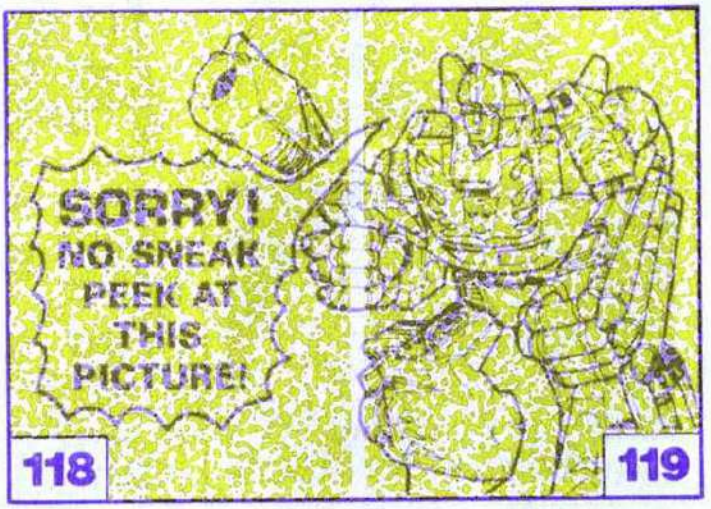
114. When he has them in his sights, he cuts loose a barrage of firepower that will surely destroy the ship.

115. Thinking quickly, Ultra Magnus calls for emergency separation, and the ship divides behind the cockpit.



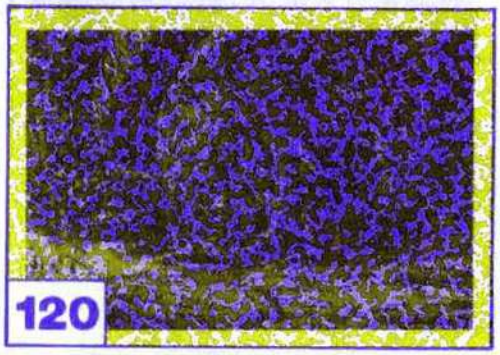


116-117. Ultra Magnus' intention is to draw the Decepticon fire power to the larger part of the ship — away from the cockpit holding the Autobots. They watch Galvatron's ship fire another deadly barrage of rockets.

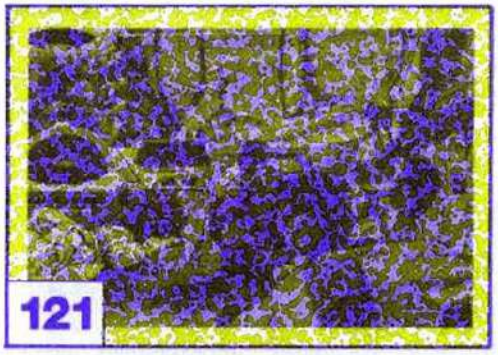


118-119. It works! The rockets completely destroy the back of the ship, and Galvatron believes he has destroyed the Autobots, and with them the Matrix of Light. The Autobots escape to the nearest planet.

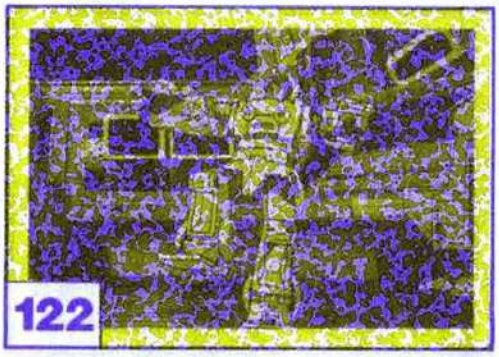
CHAPTER 3: THE PLANET OF JUNK!



120. With most of their ship gone, they must attempt a crash landing on the rugged Planet of Junk.



121. The ship skids over the surface debris, spilling the Autobots out of their seats. Now there's work to be done.



122. Before rebuilding their ship, Daniel takes a moment to learn how to use his dad's old Exo-suit.

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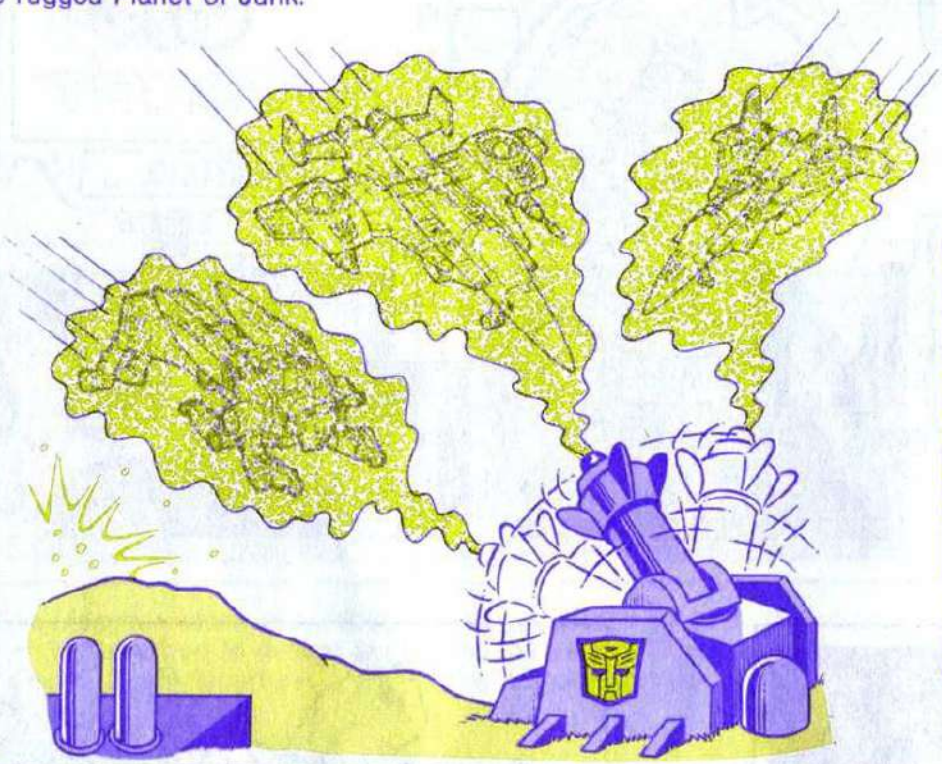
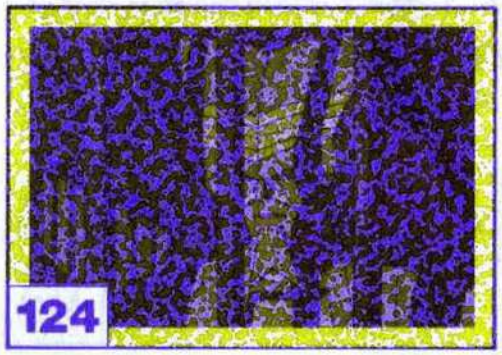
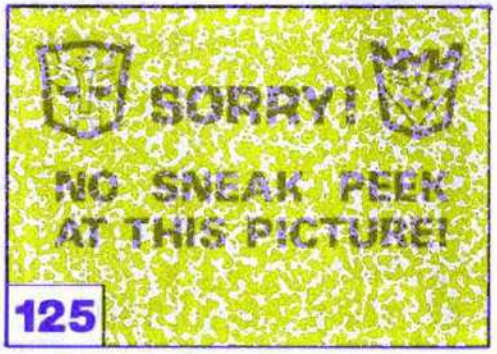


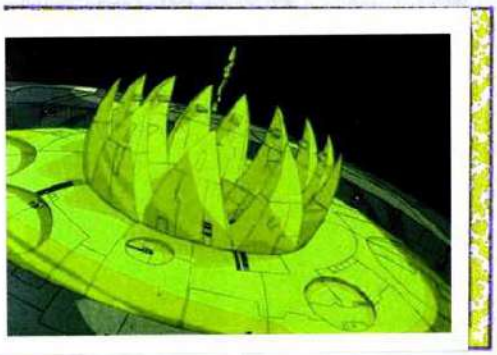
123. Separated from the rest, Hot Rod and Kup are prisoners of the ruthless Quintessons.



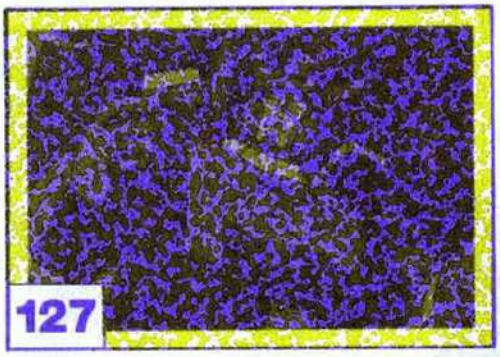
124. Another prisoner tells them that the Quintessons keep the treacherous Sharktacons to do their dirty work.



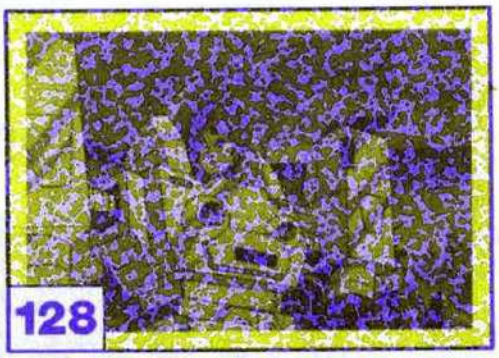
125. Before he can say anything more, the guards take him away. But to where? And what is this dirty work?



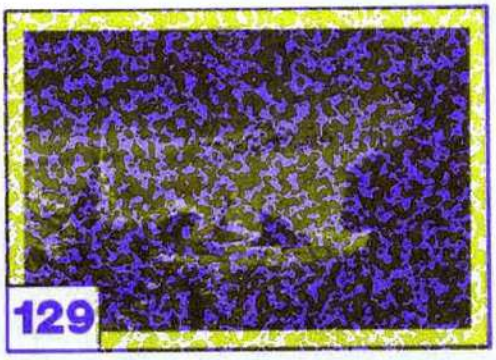
126. Elsewhere, Unicron summons Galvatron and tells him that he has failed, and that the Autobots . . .



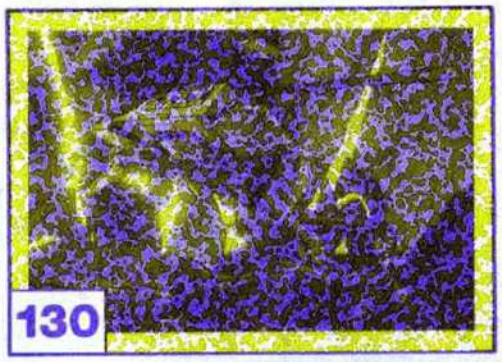
127. . . .have made a fool of him. He orders Galvatron to seek them on the Planet of Junk and to destroy them.



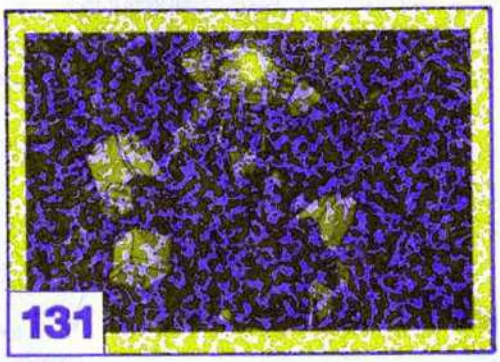
128. With help from Daniel and the Exo-suit, the Autobots put the finishing touches on the repairs of their ship.



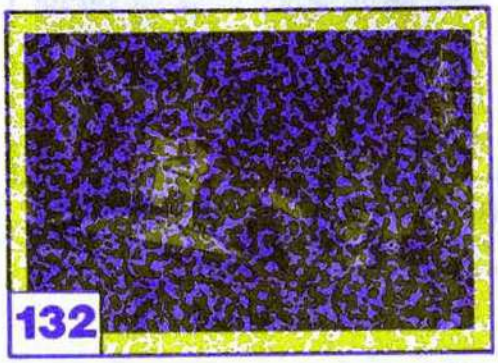
129. And not a moment too soon! Galvatron's fleet of marauding Decepticons descends upon the Autobots. . .



130. . . .who have been caught away from the safety of their ship! Dodging the fire, they flee for cover!

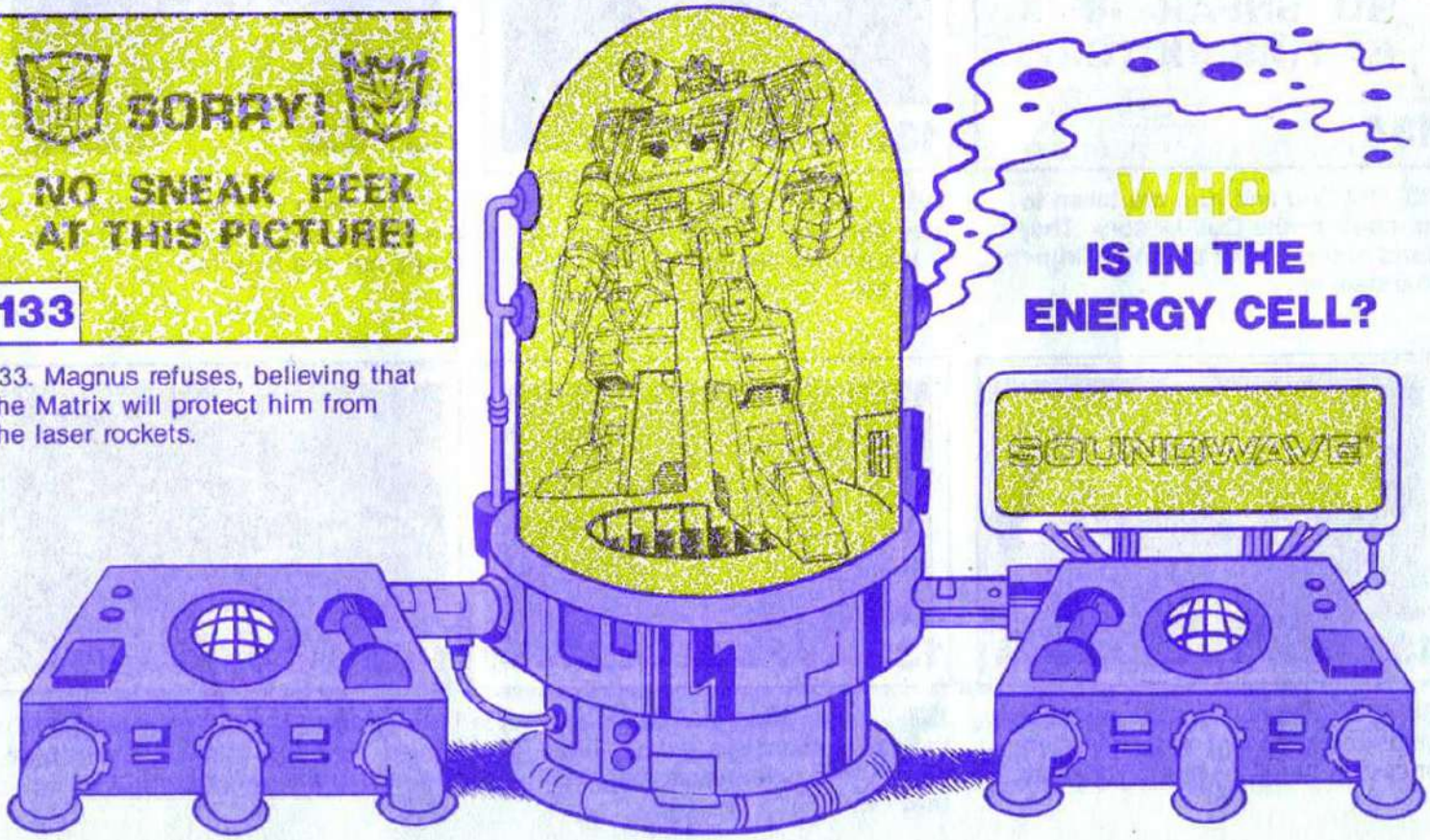


131. Is this their darkest hour? Magnus, backed against a wall, calls on the power of the Matrix.



132. Galvatron, demanding the Matrix, warns Magnus that he will destroy him if he does not surrender.

133. Magnus refuses, believing that the Matrix will protect him from the laser rockets.



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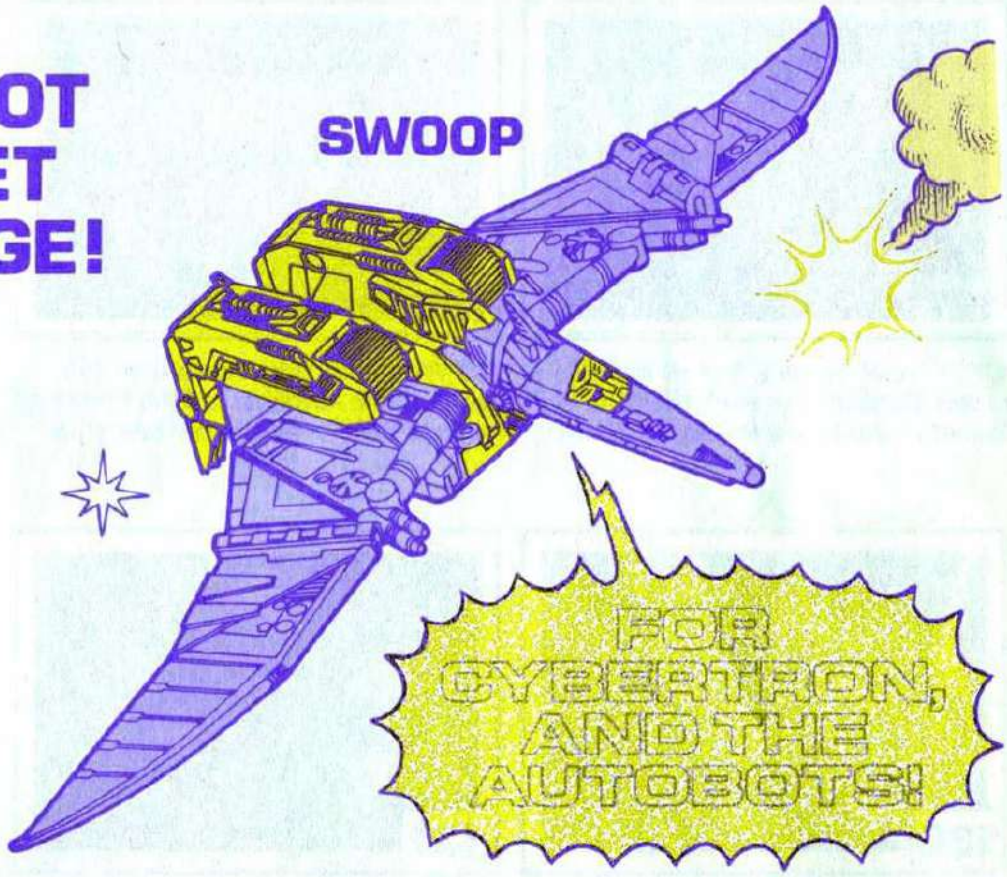
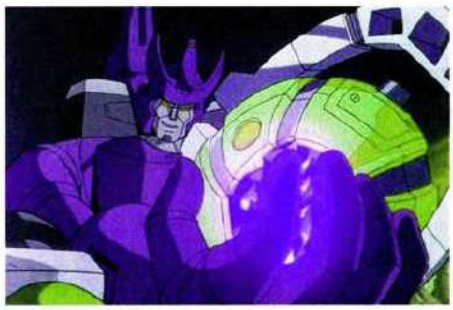
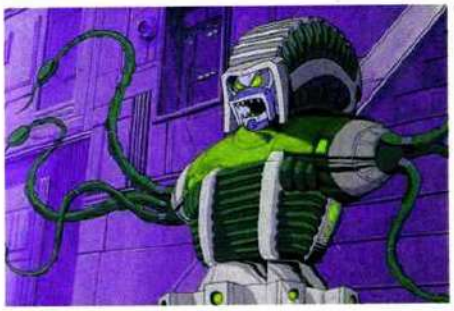


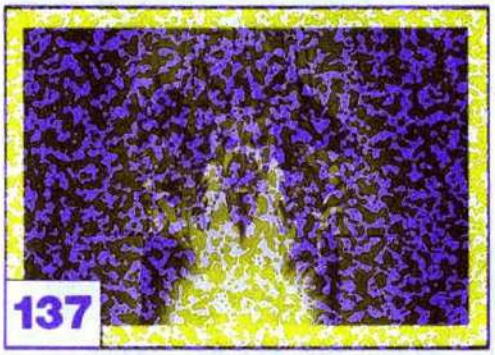


134. But it doesn't. Ultra Magnus falls dead, and Galvatron takes up the Matrix and vows to use it against Unicron.

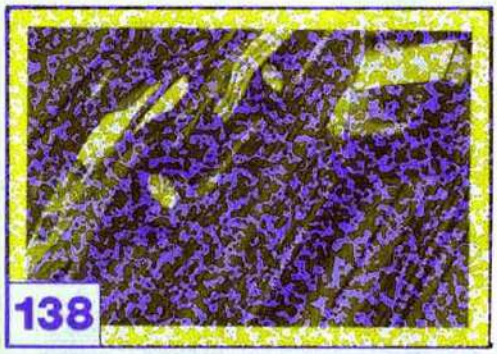
135. Hot Rod and Kup are taken to the court of the Quintessons. They stand above a pool churning with Sharktacons...



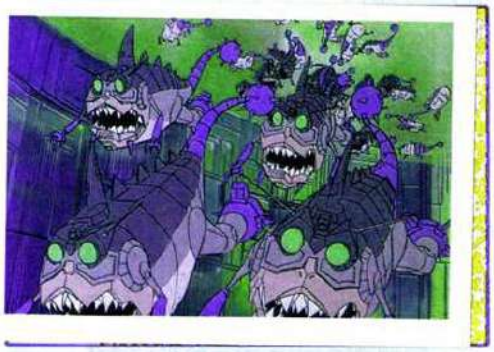
136. ...as the guard asks them if they have any last words before the judge passes sentence. What can they say?



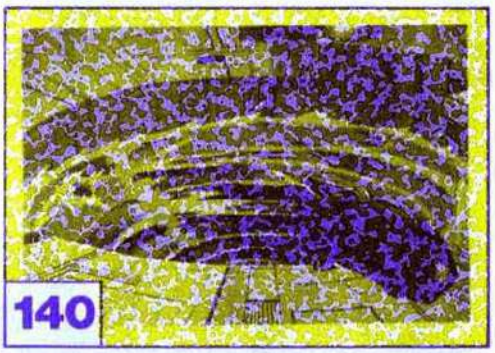
137. The court is fixed, and the judges are the Heads of Death. The bottom drops out and they fall.



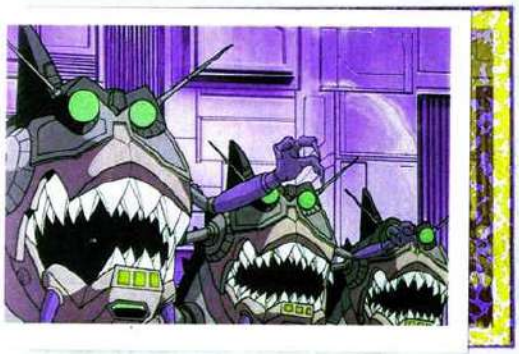
138. Under water, after the restraining bands release them, they transform. Since they have less photon charges...



139. ...than there are Sharktacons, their only chance is a demolition derby — to take out as many as they can.



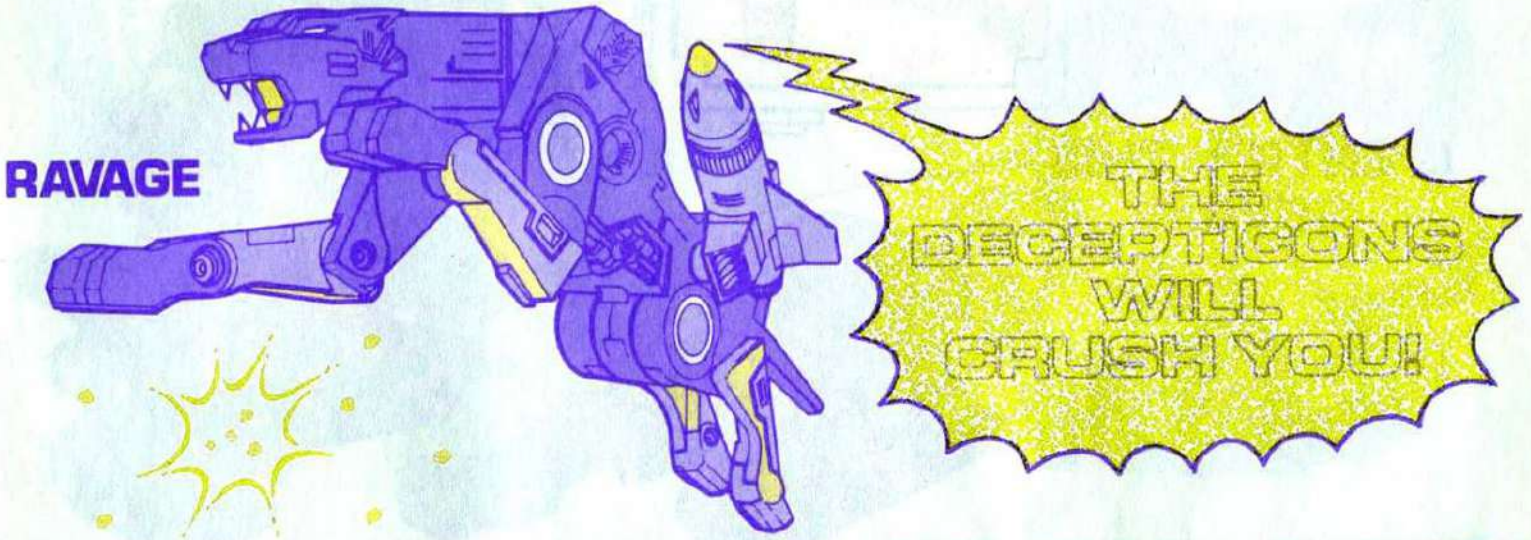
140. Diving to the bottom, they race around the edge, creating a whirlpool and raising the water level...

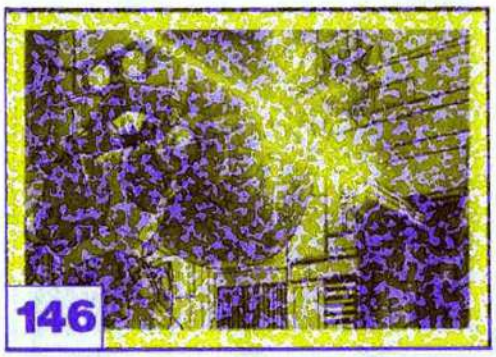


141. . . .until it's high enough for them to drive out and onto dry land.

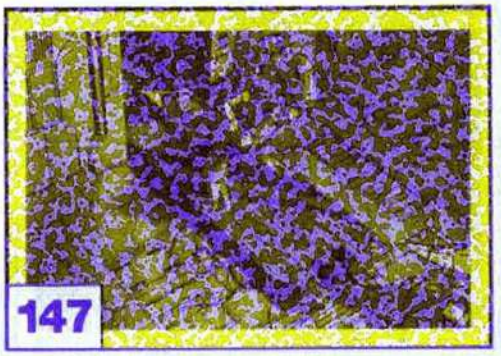
142-143-144-145. Assuming vehicle form, Hot Rod and Kup ram the Sharktacons, but the Autobots are hopelessly outnumbered by the Vicious sea creatures.

DECEPTICON SECRET MESSAGE!

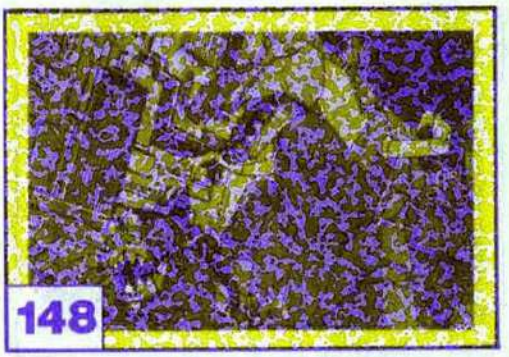




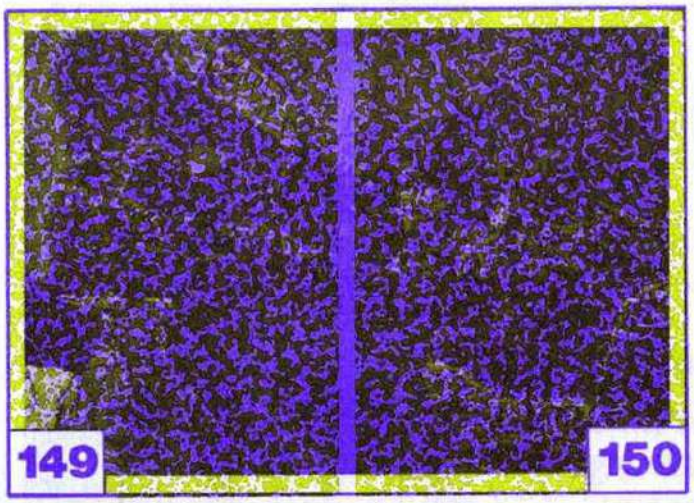
146. Sharktacons keep appearing! No matter how many they blast, ten more appear. Things look bleak. . .



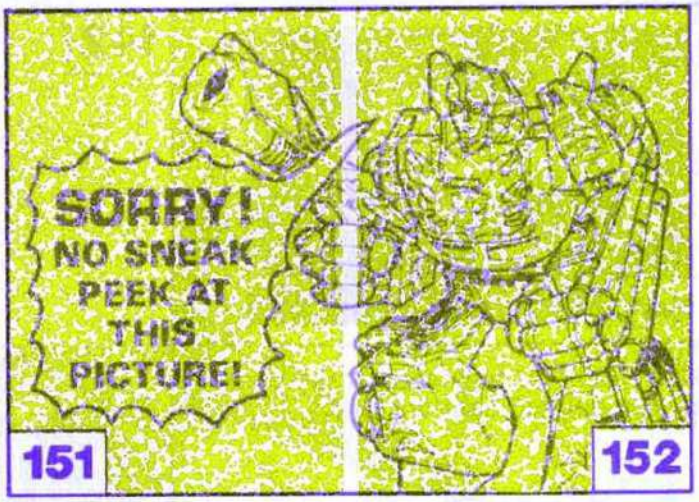
147. . . .until the Dinobots burst through the door, crushing a few of the guards along the way.



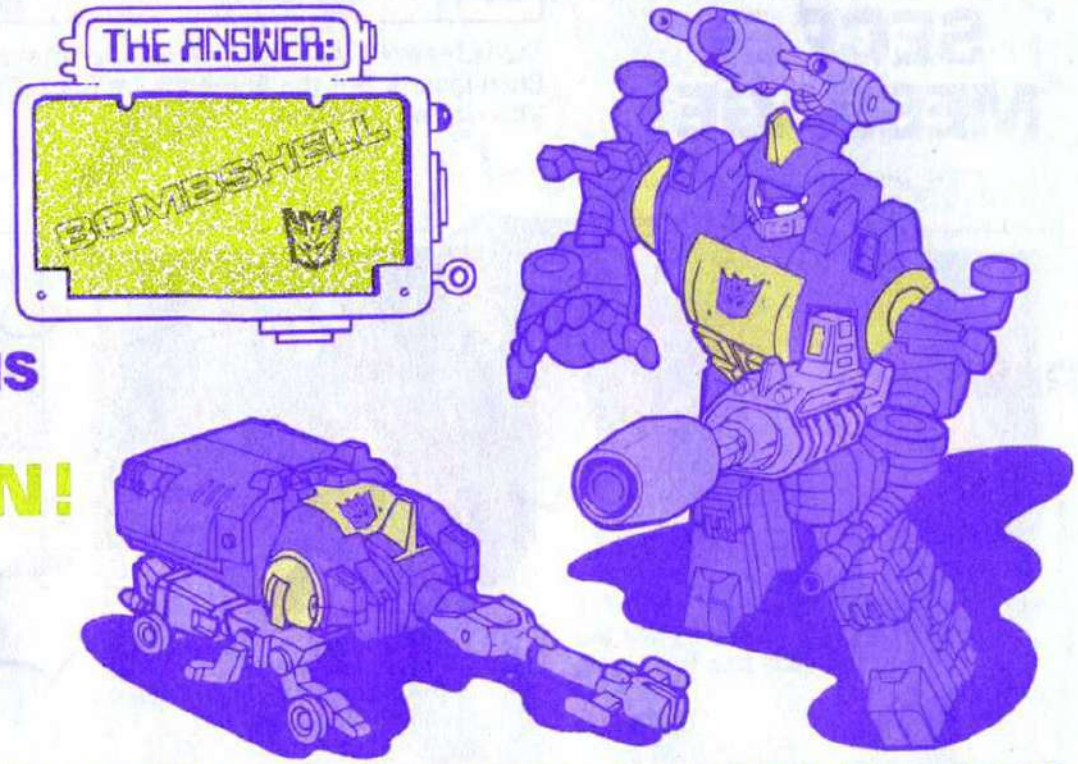
148. They take control of the situation, subduing the Sharktacons and destroying the Quintessons.



149-150. On the Planet of Junk, the rest of the Autobots have just about given up hope. Like Optimus Prime before him, Ultra Magnus is dead. And worse, the Matrix of Light is gone. No leader and no hope — things couldn't get any worse.



151-152. Or *could* they? With a sudden furious roar of engines and tail-pipes, the landscape shakes beneath the wheelie-poppin', throttle-hoppin' Junkions! The Autobots transform and race once again for their ship.



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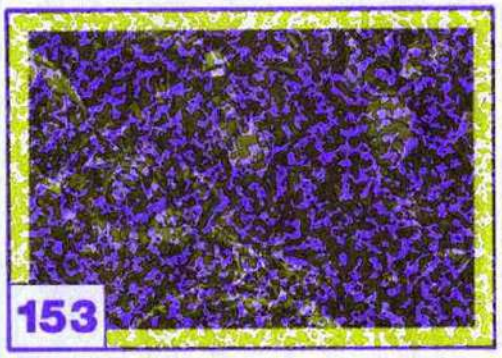
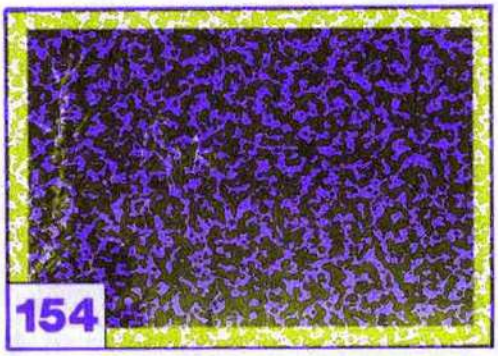
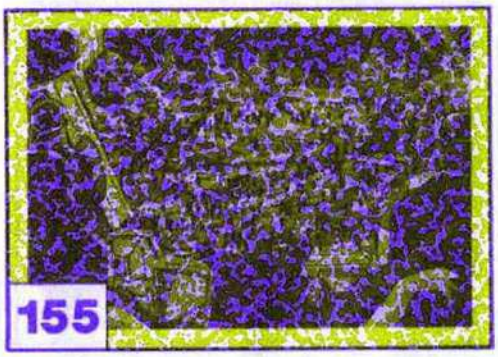


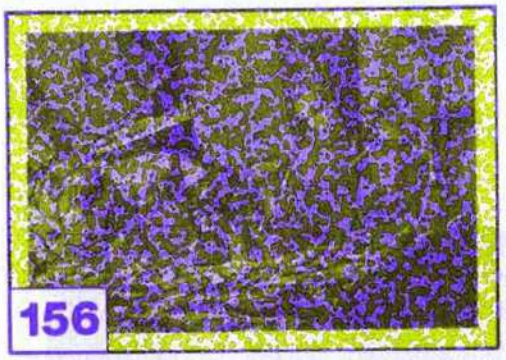
153. But these Junkion critters pop up like crabgrass, blocking escape routes and trapping the Autobots.



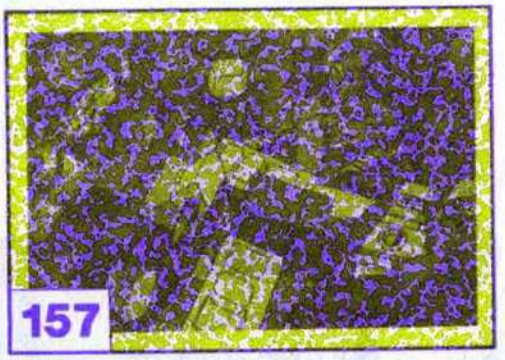
154. In the midst of the ruckus, Autobots and Junkions alike drop their guard and watch the strange ship approach.



155. Its pilot and inhabitants are just as confused at the bizarre scene below them. All wait and wonder until...

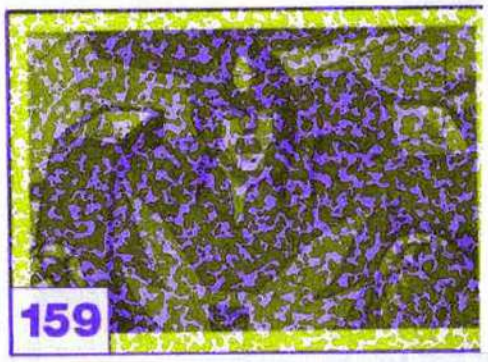


156. . . .out step the lost Autobots! Hot Rod gives the universal greeting to the Junkions, who turn out to be friendly. . .

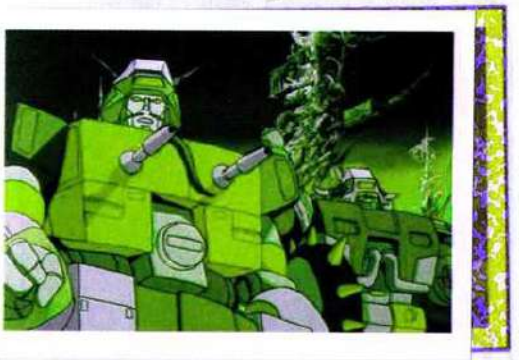


157. . . .and pretty handy with a socket wrench as well. After a few hours of work, and a couple of quarts of oil, . . .

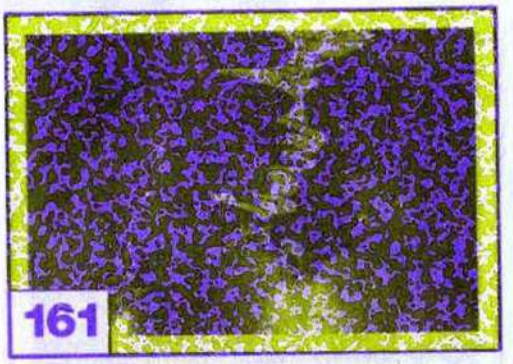
158. . . .the Junkions bring Ultra Magnus back to life. Things look better for the Autobots now that they have a leader.



159. But Galvatron has the Matrix of Light! Without the Matrix, Autobot civilization is doomed.



160. Wreck-Gar, leader of the Junkions, and one who knows a good civilization shouldn't go to waste, . . .



161. . . .vows to help the Autobots fight the Decepticons and retrieve the lost Matrix of Light.

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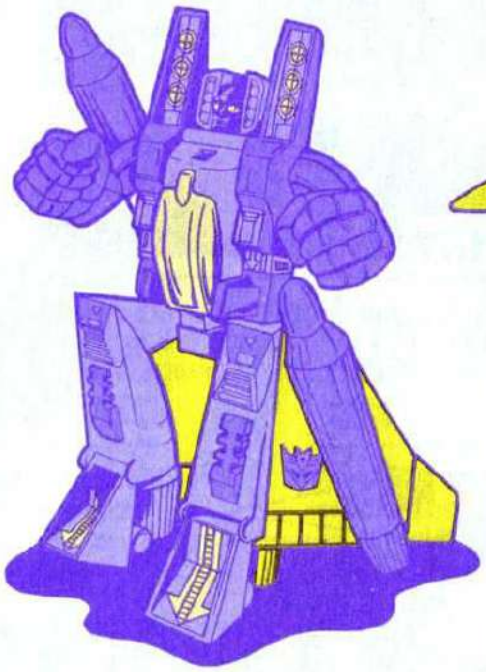
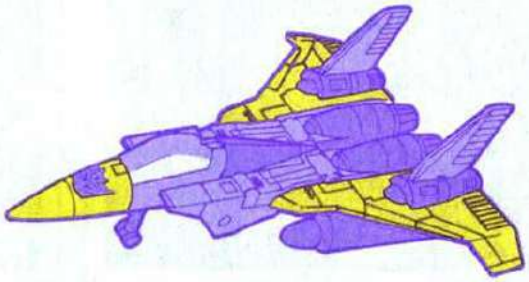
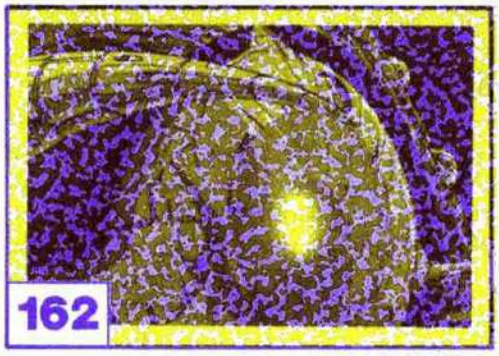
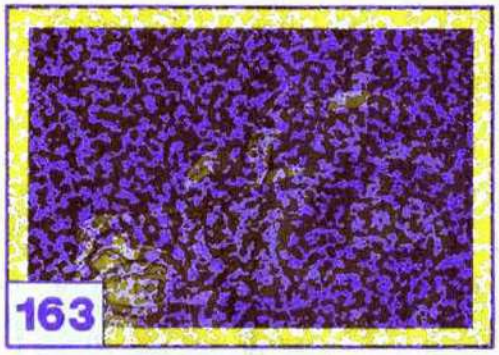


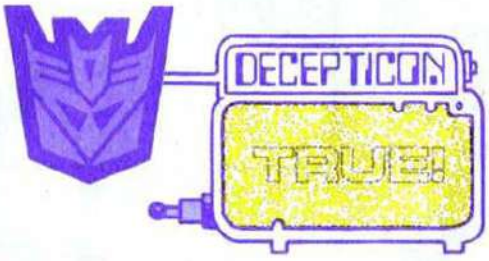


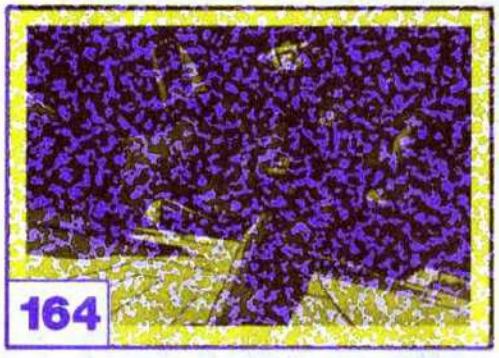


162. But what about Unicron? Won't the Autobots have to battle him for the Matrix?

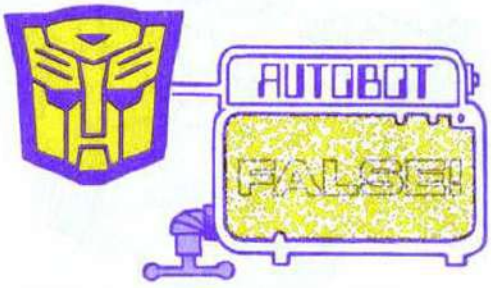


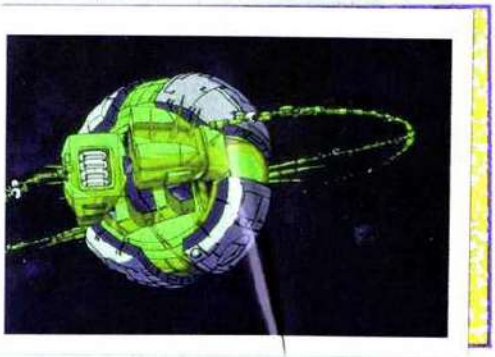
163. Not according to Galvatron, who warns Unicron to obey his commands or else he will destroy him.



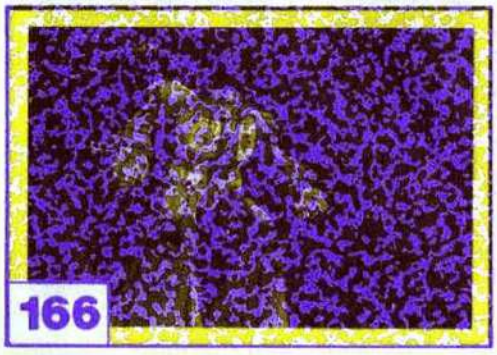


164. But Galvatron underestimates the power of Unicron, who responds by quaking and transforming.

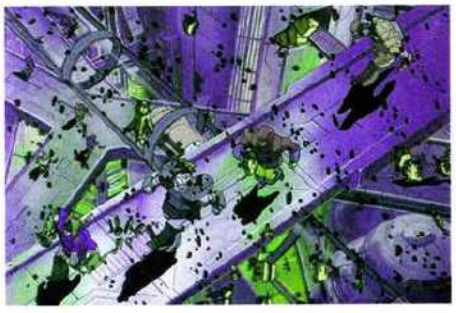




165. Unicron speaks: "For a time I considered sparing your measly little planet, but now you shall witness...



166. "...the magnitude of Unicron and the destruction of Cyberton!" Unicron opens to full size...



167. ...and propels himself towards the relatively tiny planet. His giant fist smashes the surface...

168. ...and sends the Decepticons scrambling for some safety. But there is *none* — only destruction!

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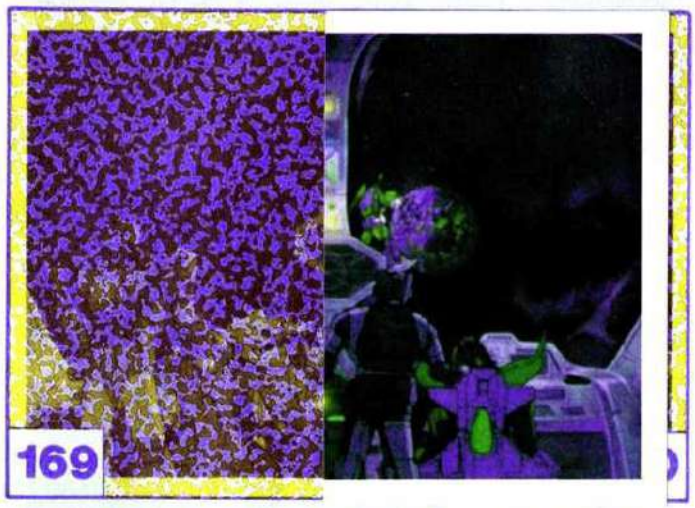
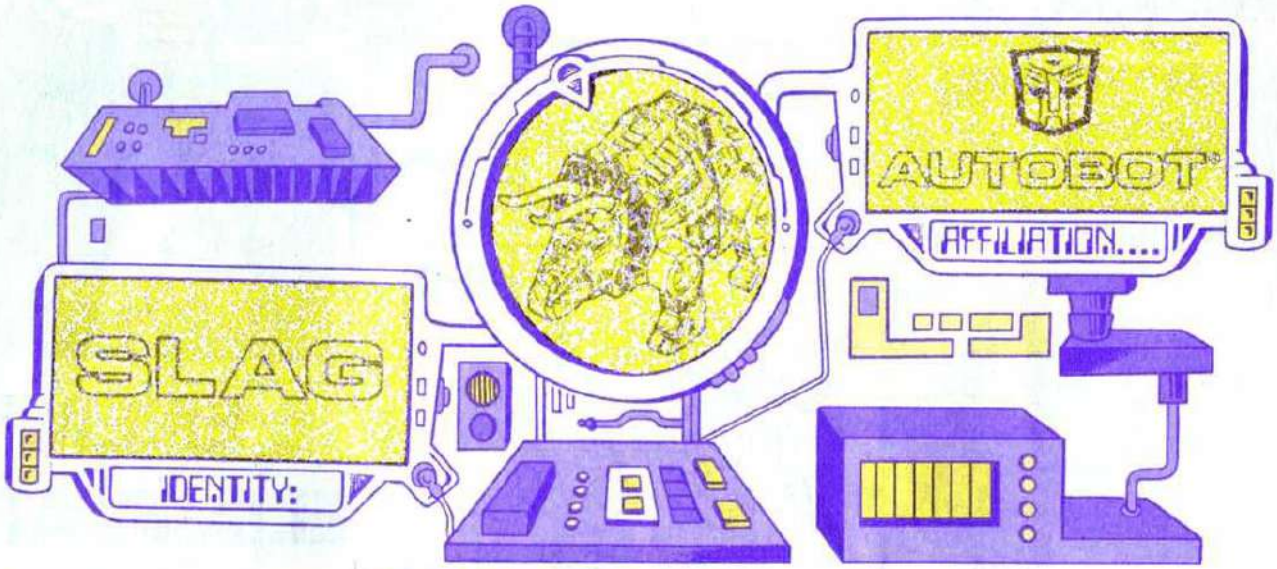
THE FINAL STRUGGLE!



169-170. As the Autobots see their homeland crumbling beneath Unicron, they take up their battle stations. All their hope lies in the help of the Junkions, the Dinobots, and the possibility of finding the Matrix of Light.

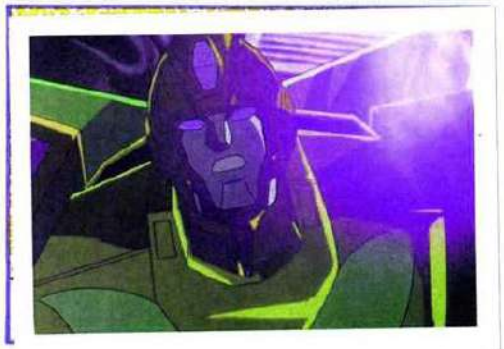
171-172. The Decepticon ships bother Unicron no more than flies on a hot day, and he swats them into oblivion. The Autobots intend on firing into Unicron's eyes, when he turns suddenly and spits a burst of fire on them.



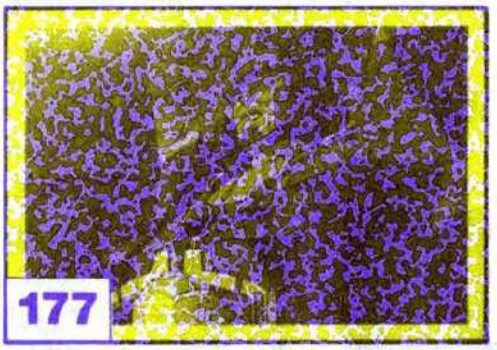
173. Past the flames, they crash through his optics, and to the inside of the living, deadly planet.

174. Under pressure, the ship shatters—and the Autobots fall through the maze of Unicron's guts.

175. Unicron's internal protection systems detect the invaders. Once again, the Autobots run for their lives.

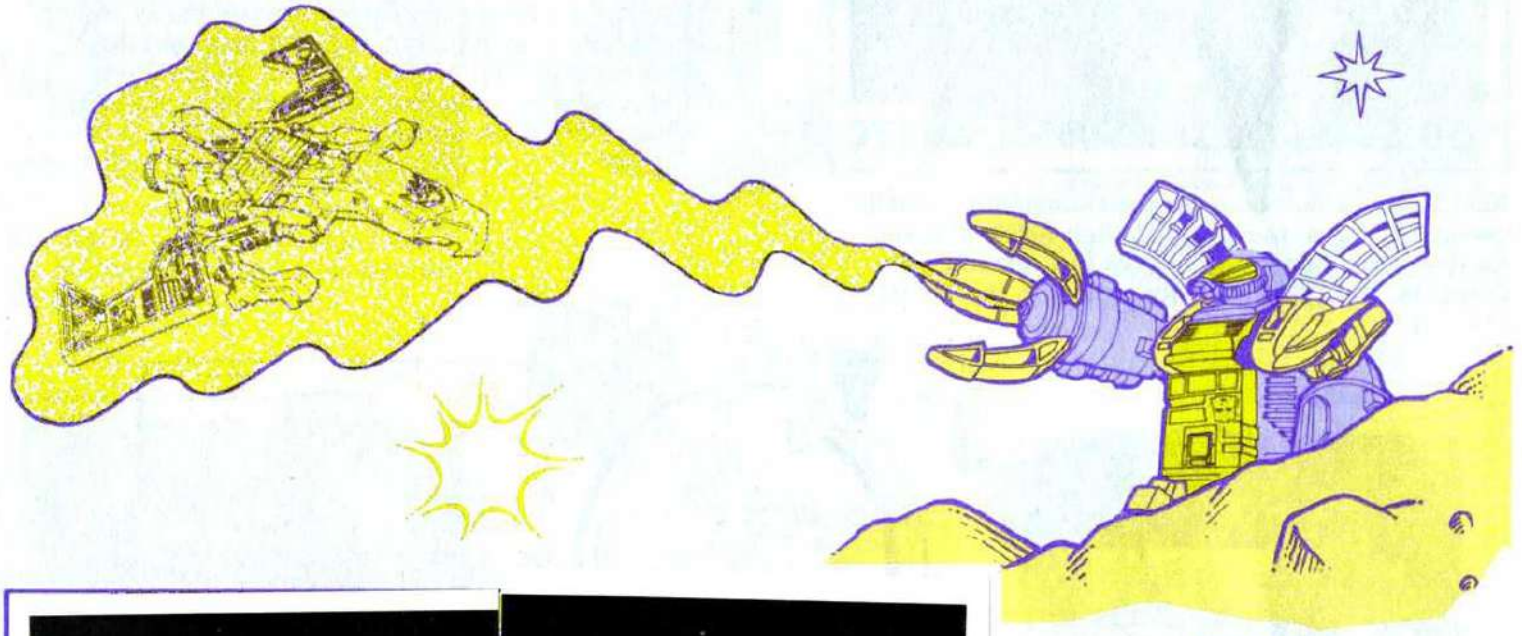


176. Hot Rod, separated from the others, walks on as if drawn by some mysterious and unknown power.



177. The Matrix of Light! And in Galvatron's hand! Hot Rod knows what force brought him here, and he knows his mission.

178. But Galvatron will not surrender the Matrix without a fight. If he can not defeat Unicron, then all shall die!



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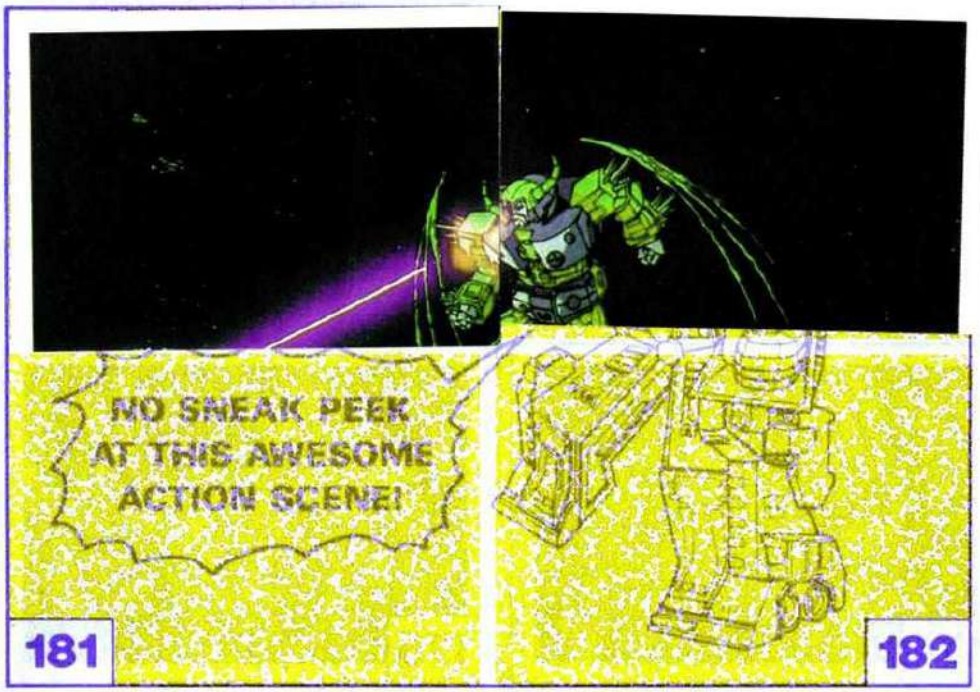
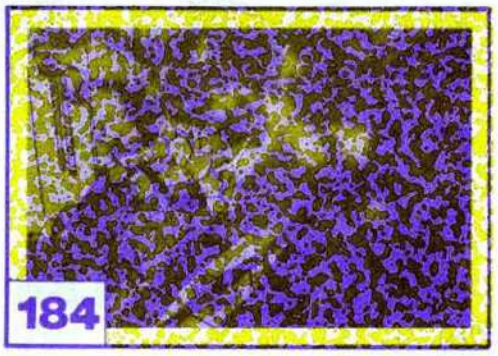


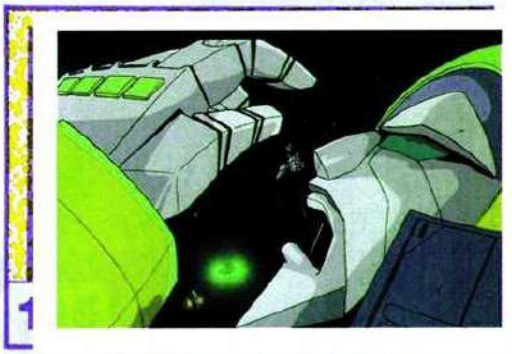
179-180-181-182. Outside the battle rages. Unicron wreaks savage destruction, furiously bombarding his Dinobot opponents with his optic blasts.

183. The Dinobots attack from all angles, each employing his own particular power. All are hoping to locate a weak spot . . .

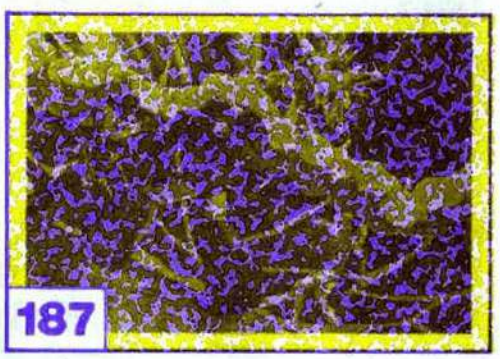


184. . . .in Unicron's massive armor. But every shot only seems to make the giant planet stronger.

185. Inside another part of Unicron, Daniel is caught and trapped by robotic antibodies. He shouts for help. . .

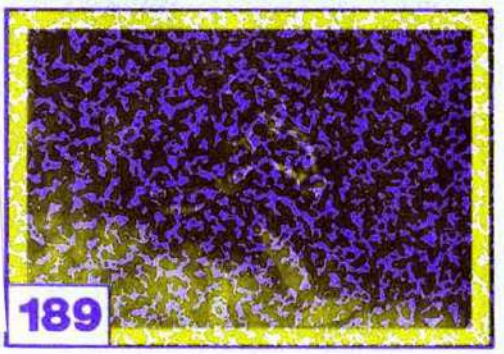


186. . . .and the Autobots turn and fire on the hooks. Their barrage of fire cuts Daniel loose.

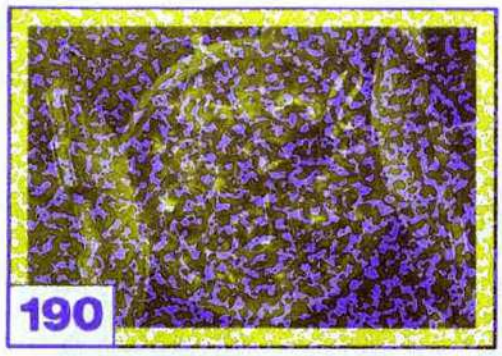


187. But it also sets open a torrent of flooding water, which washes all the Autobots away.

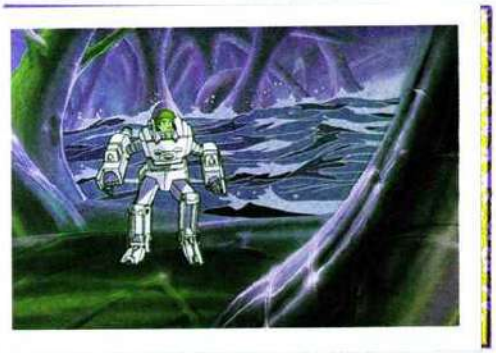
188. The waters sweep Daniel into a passageway where he hears the screams of falling bodies.



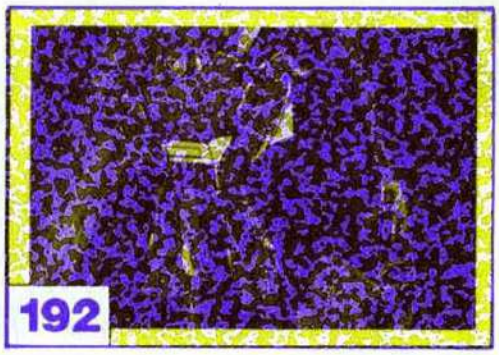
189. He looks up and sees an aerial conveyor, slinging captive Autobots through the air and dropping them. . .



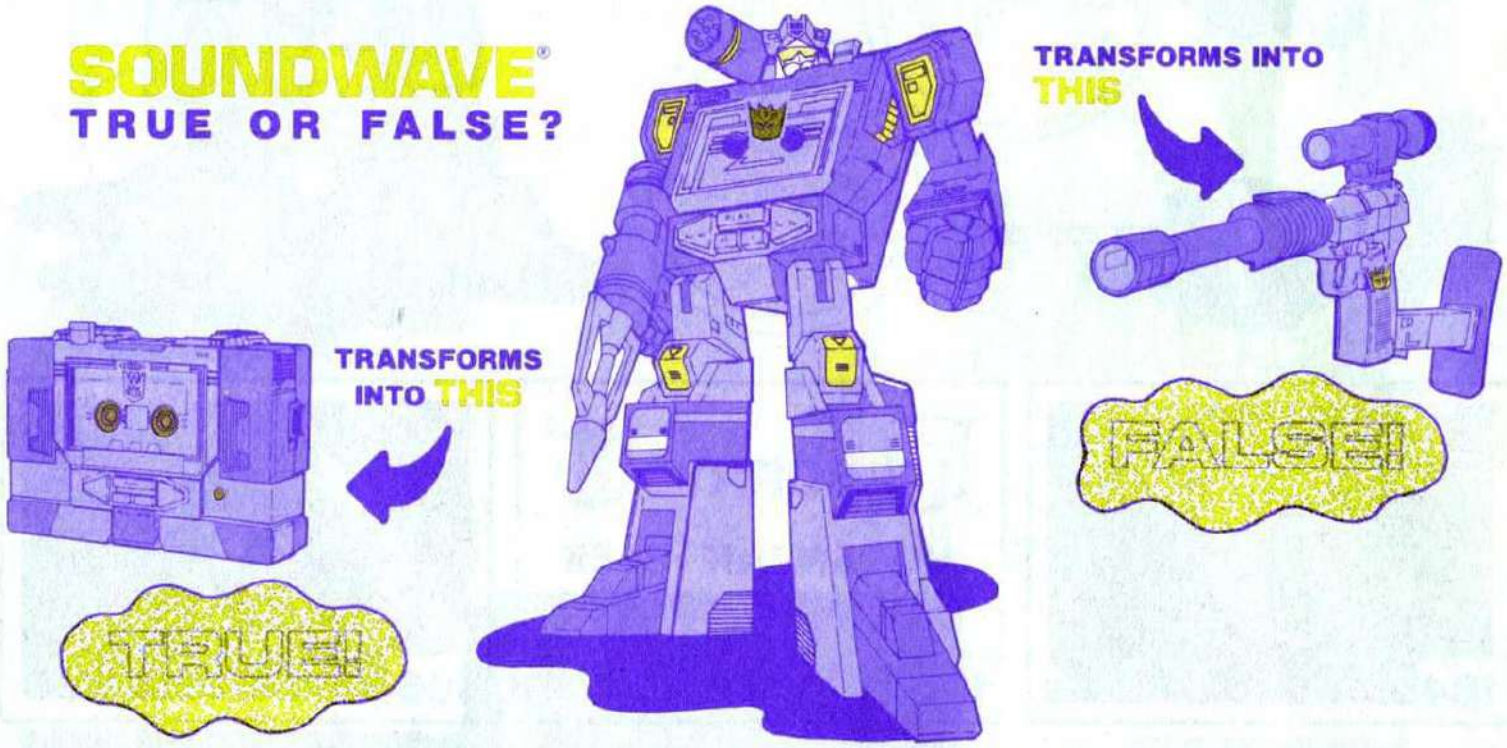
190. . . . into a smoking cauldron that processes them into an energy supply for Unicron!

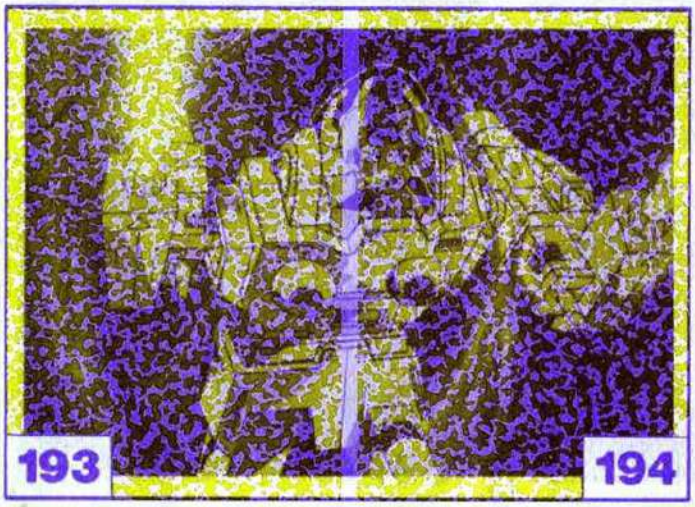


191. Daniel hears one cry above the rest. He swims onto the shore and pulls himself up, wondering if it could be. . .

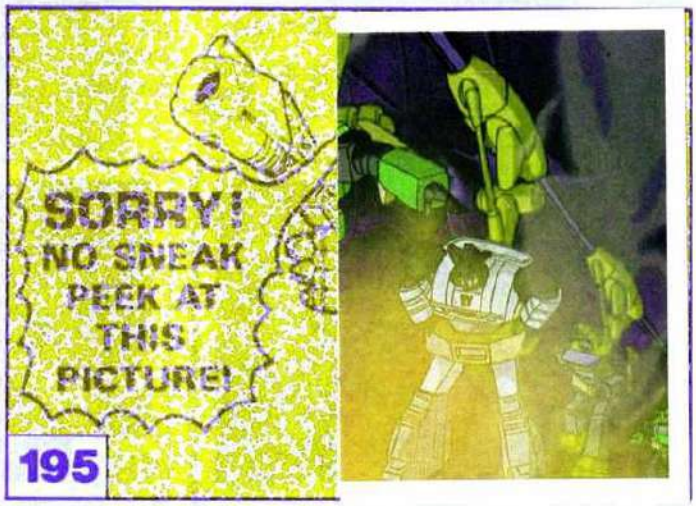


192. Yes! It's his dad, Spike, still alive! But he's almost over the cauldron. There isn't much time!

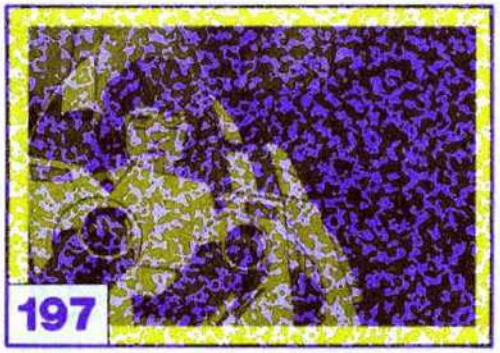




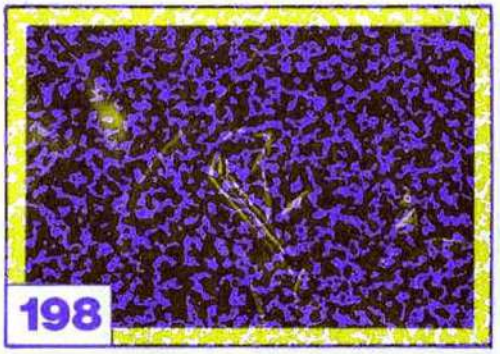
193-194. Daniel, still not used to the Exo-suit, fiddles with some buttons and, at the last moment, his rocket burst blasts the support arm of the cauldron and the lid drops. But what happened to his dad?



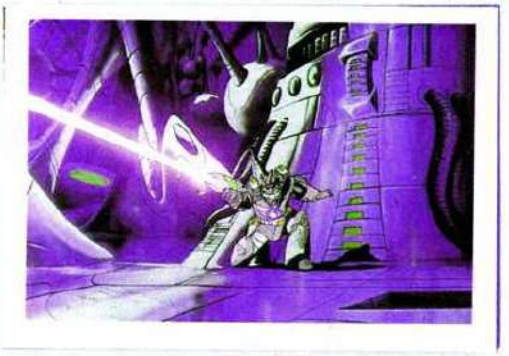
195-196. He dropped before the lid closed completely! Did it close enough to catch him from the steamy jaws of hot death? Did Daniel respond quickly enough? Daniel fears the worst.



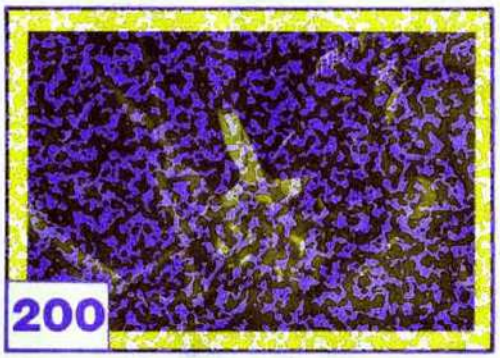
197. Spike is alive! Daniel saved his dad! Together they stop the conveyor and save the rest of the captives.



198. Hot Rod and Galvatron square off and fight. The Matrix is useless to Galvatron because. . .



199. . . . it won't work for a Decepticon. But Galvatron will not return it to Hot Rod. Galvatron fires!



200. Hot Rod dodges some rockets, and takes the shock from others. But he refuses to quit, even though. . .

201. . . .Galvatron is the stronger of the two. Hot Rod fights valiantly. The future of the Autobots depends on him.

202. What future remains seems tied up in Galvatron's hands, as he squeezes them around Hot Rod's neck.

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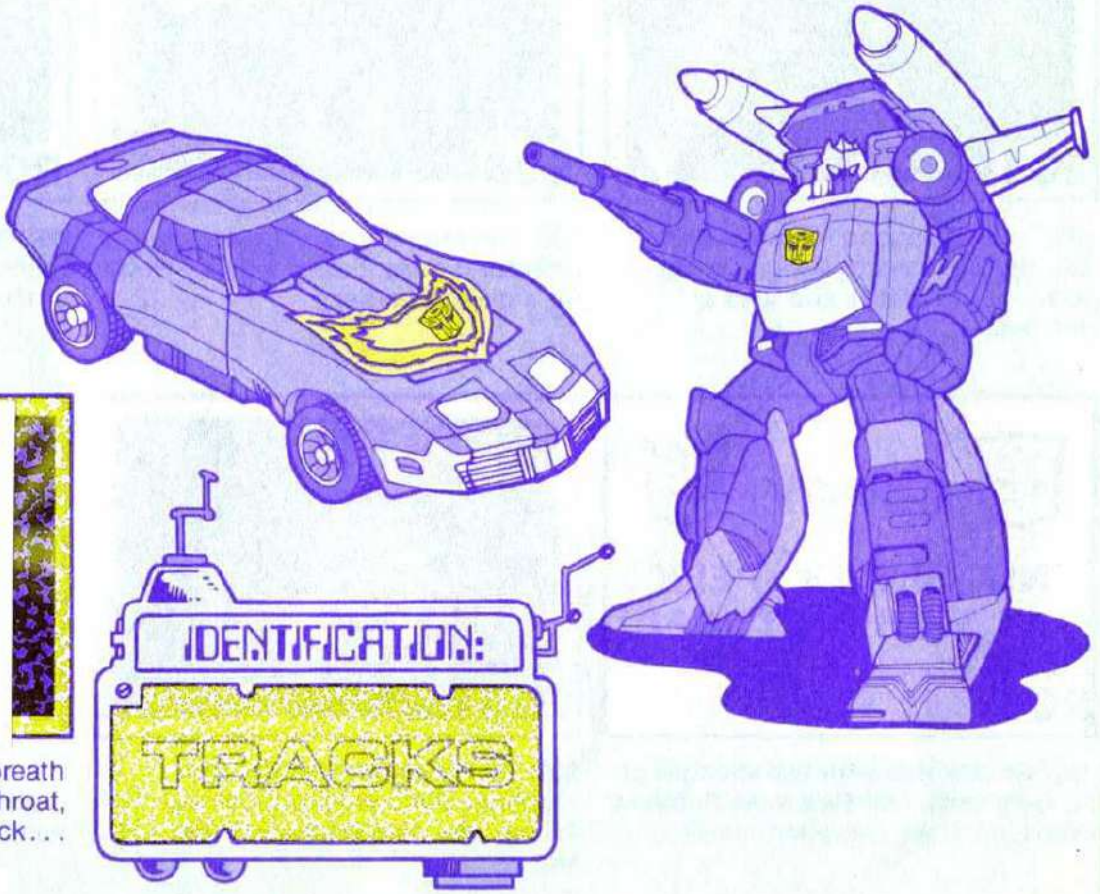
203. Then, when the last bit of breath seems to gasp from Hot Rod's throat, the Matrix around Galvatron's neck. . .



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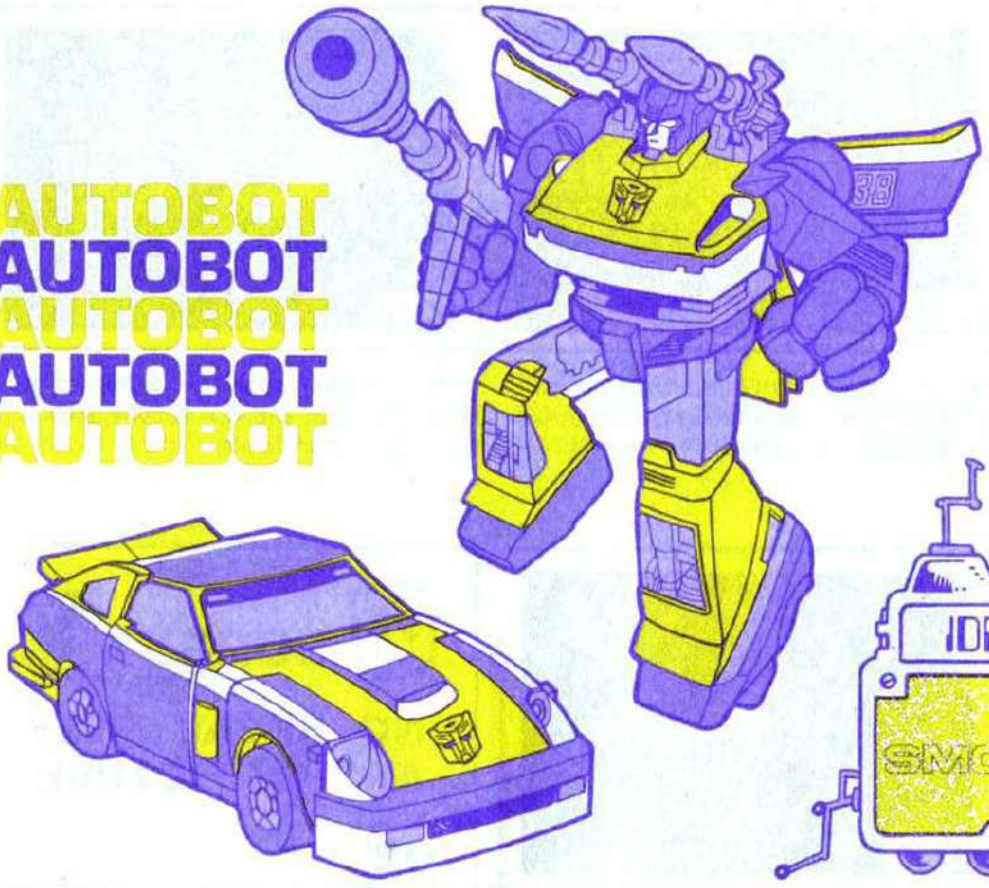
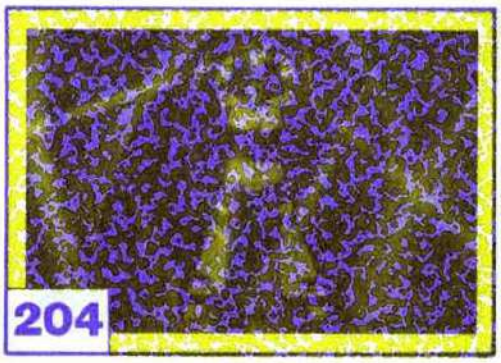
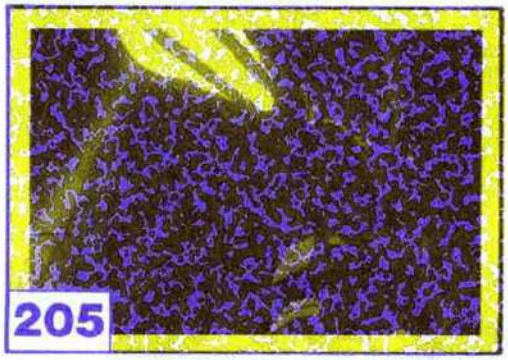
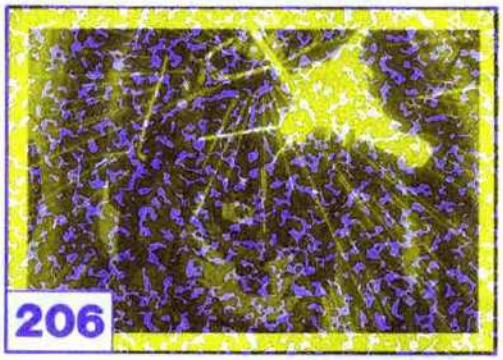




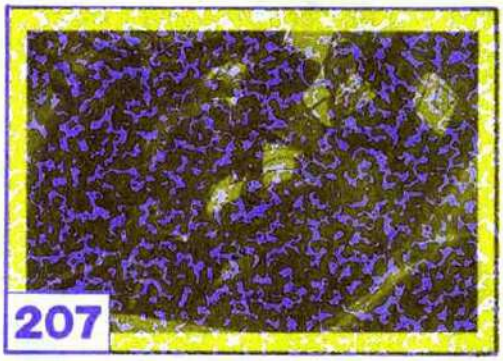
204. . . . gives forth its powerful light and falls to Hot Rod. Inspired, he hurls Galvatron off of him. . .



205. . . . and scoops up the Matrix. Galvatron refuses to believe in the power of the Matrix and fires at Hot Rod.

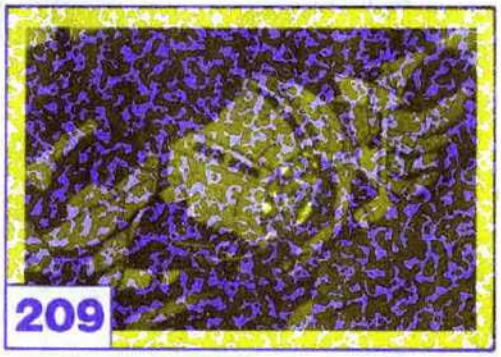


206. The Matrix draws the fire and deflects it away, protecting Hot Rod for a greater battle.

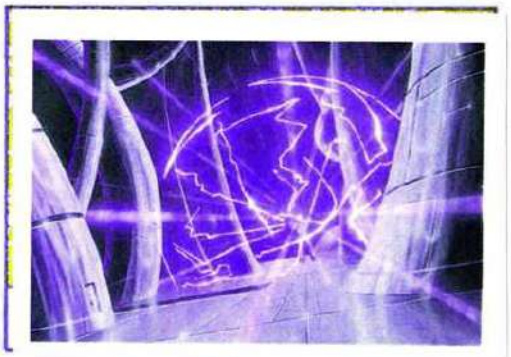


207. He hears the voice of Optimus Prime: "Rise, Rodimus Prime, keeper of the Matrix, Defender of Cybertron!"

208. Empowered with the strength of his ancestors, Hot Rod (now Rodimus Prime) destroys Galvatron forever.

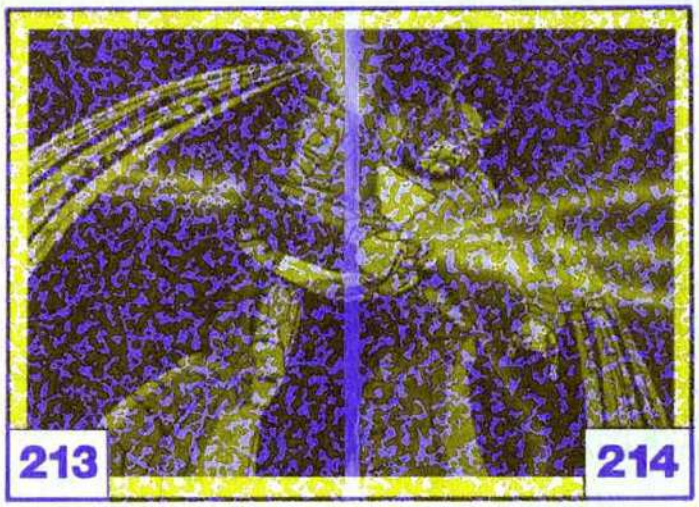


209. As for Unicron, this is the Autobots' darkest hour. Rodimus Prime calls on the power of the Matrix.



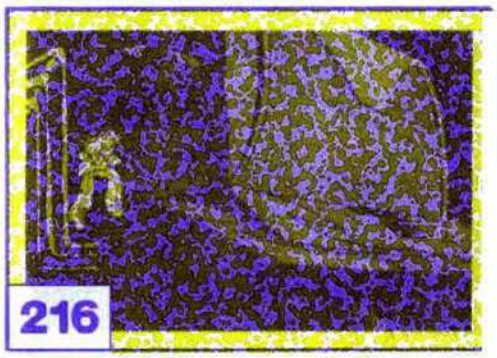
210. And for *him* it responds! He grows in size and strength — the Autobot to rise out of their ranks!

211-212. All through Unicron, the Matrix's force tears from robotic station to station, ripping him apart. Diodes pop, connectors snap, sockets swell and explode. His energy tanks collapse!

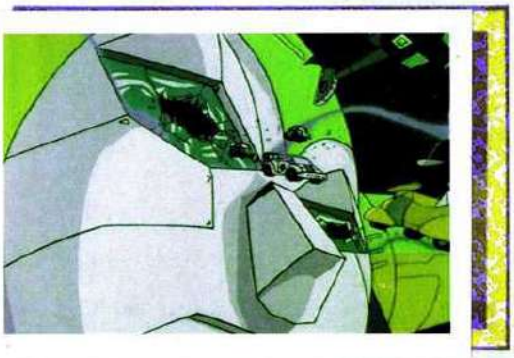


213-214. The Matrix seeks out and destroys evil. Since Unicron is pure evil, his whole being begins to betray him, As he tries to fight the light inside him, he can no longer attack Cybertron or the Autobots.

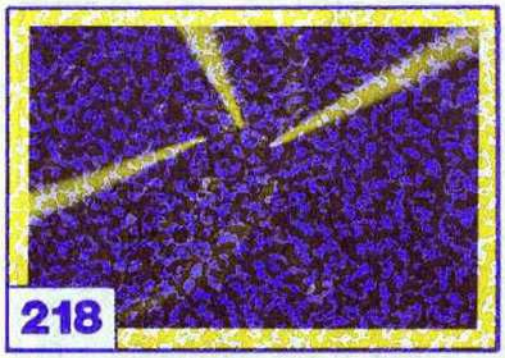
215. A new leader, Rodimus Prime races to find his people, to gather them together. . .



216. . . . and to save them from the destruction of Unicron. He transforms and leads them away.



217. Blasting through Unicron's optics, the Autobots make what should be their final escape,. . .



218. . . .leaving Unicron to battle his erupting body in a desperate fight for the survival of evil.

219-220-221-222. But it is a battle he is destined to lose, as he explodes into a million shining fragments which are disbursed into the blackness of space.

223. At home on Cybertron, with the Matrix in their possession, the Autobots' new leader speaks:

224. "Let this mark the end of the Cybertronian wars. Let us move forward to a new age of peace."

225. "Let us rebuild our home, and live in happiness. . .until all are one!"

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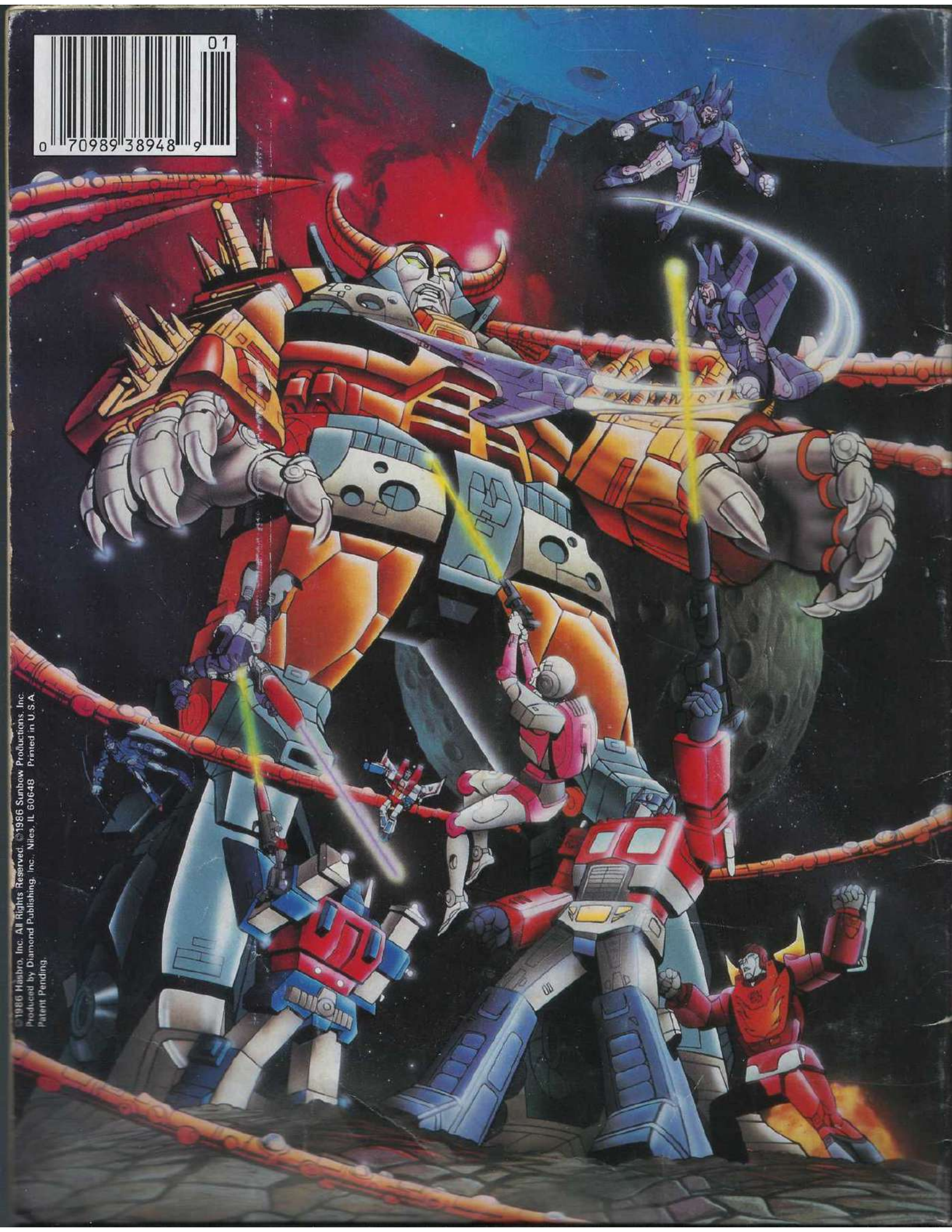

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